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Our second year of operation has been a most successful one in giving service. We look forward with confidence to the future and in anticipation of being of greater service to you.

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NORTH GRIMSBY, ONTARIO

FOURTEEN

THE GRIMSBY INDEPENDENT

## ONLY FOUR CLAIMS ON HIGHWAY FUND

Three Of The Claims Total \$17,000—No Amount Stated In Fourth Claim—Fund Could Be \$1,000,000.

Only four claims have been made to date against the Department of Highways' Unsatisfied Judgment Fund. The amounts in three total about \$17,000, while no stated sum is given in the fourth.

Established by an amendment to the Highways' Traffic Act, the fund became operative last July 1. Two of the claims originate in Hamilton, one in Brantford and one in Toronto.

Any person, who obtains a court order for damages arising out of a traffic accident action, is entitled to sue the Ontario Government if the debtor against whom the order is made is unable to pay.

In cases where identity of the offending motorist is known, damages may be claimed for both injury to person and property. In a hit-run accident, in which the guilty person is not caught, suit is restricted to personal injury.

Under the amendment, the Highways Department is authorized to levy a fee of not more than \$1 on every driving license issued to build up the fund. With nearly 1,000,000 licensed drivers in the province, \$1,000,000 could be raised the first year. However, in view of the total amount claimed to date, it is likely the fee, to be assessed for the first time next year, will be considerably less than a dollar.

We reckon they have minority groups in a land of milk and honey. The chances are someone wants better deliveries on the milk.

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HARDWARE  
Company, Limited**

Hamilton — Ontario



HEWSONS COAL

CHRISTMAS TREES  
FOR SALE  
SCOTCH PINE AND  
SPRUCE  
C. BURGESS  
PHONE 199

## BREVITIES

EVENTS and TOPICS  
of the WEEK in  
TABLOID .....

Shop at home! Shop early!

Legion Salvage Collection on Saturday.

Christmas issue of The Independent next week.

Lions Club meet next Tuesday night in their old den, The Village Inn.

Town Council meets next Monday night. The last meeting of the year.

Canadian Cannery, Robinson St. factory, closed for the season on Wednesday of last week.

County Council meets next Tuesday. The last time killing session of the year. It will go four days as sure as shooting.

Joseph Chivers a former Grimsby resident and for some years a member of Town Council, has been elected to the Town Council in Kincardine.

The Ontario Lake level went down by seven inches in November and is down by two feet and a half since the all time high in June last. It is something which occurs in cycles.

Township Council meets next Monday morning and afternoon. The last meeting of the year. They will also meet as a Court of Revision on the 1948 Assessment Roll, recently completed by Assessor Gordon Metcalfe.

According to the records of the assessment department of the City of St. Catharines, property transfers for the month of November totalled 117. Of these, 97 were for a consideration of \$359,148 and 20 were family transactions for one dollar.

At a meeting of the Niagara Peninsula Implement Dealers' Association, held in St. Catharines, last Thursday, Dalton Fretz of Beamsville was elected vice-president and Steve Andreychuk of North Grimsby was elected to the executive.

The death occurred suddenly in Toronto on Friday of Wm. J. Ellbeck, husband of Margaret Ann Mariatt, former Grimsby girl. The funeral took place on Monday with interment in Bowmanville. Gordon and Mrs. Eaton of Grimsby attended the last obsequies. Mrs. Eaton being a sister of Mrs. Ellbeck.

## GRIMSBY WEATHER

Week ending at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8th, 1947.  
Highest temperature 51.6  
Lowest temperature 18.5  
Mean temperature 33.7  
Precipitation 1.47 inches

## Card of Thanks

I wish to express sincere thanks for flowers, letters, cards, etc. received while in West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, also to the Beaver Club and to nurses at the hospital.  
Mrs. Andrew Henderson.

## In Memoriam

McLEAN—In ever loving memory of Flight Sergeant Albert Perry McLean, R.C.A.F.-R.A.F. Killed in Mediterranean Action out of Malta, December 13th, 1941. Buried at Argostoli, Greece. Re-interred to the British Military Cemetery, (Phaliron), Athens, Greece.

We think of him faring on, as dear In the love of There as the love of Here.  
Loving parents and brother.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE

We are fast approaching the season of Goodwill to All Men. The season that throughout the other 11 months of the year we all look forward to.

It is also the season that everyone wishes to extend to everyone else their best greetings and good wishes.

The SPECIAL CHRISTMAS issue of The Independent carrying all those wishes and greetings from the mercantile, manufacturing and social organizations of the Town of Grimsby will be issued on Thursday, December 18th.

This will be the biggest issue of any newspaper that was ever published in Lincoln County, and a whole lot of other counties. If you wish extra copies to send to your friends please call the business office and tell them your wants, this is necessary owing to the newsprint situation.

# Headquarters For **SUCCESSFUL BAKING** Supplies

Mint, Sage, Thyme—Shaker  
Glenwood Seasoning ea. 7c  
Allen's Sweet—32 Oz. Bottle  
Apple Cider ..... 20c  
Clark's Rich Fruity—19 Oz. Jar  
Mince Meat ..... 29c  
Magic—16 Oz. Tin  
Baking Powder ..... 27c

## GROCERY FEATURES

Cow Brand—16 Oz. Pkg.  
Soda ..... 2 for 19c  
Sun Maid California—15 50c. Pkg.  
Seeded Raisins ..... 26c  
Morsey's Sweetened—20 Oz. Tin  
Grapefruit Juice ..... 10c  
Shelled Almonds 3 oz. cello bag 19c

## FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Florida Pink  
Grapefruit ..... 3 for 29c  
B.C. Extra Fancy  
Delicious Apples - 4 for 25c  
Florida Seedless  
Oranges ..... dozen 31c  
Haddon Cape Cod  
Cranberries .... pkg. 49c  
No. 1 Fancy  
Cooking Apples - 3 lb. 29c  
California Juicy  
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Murphy Queen—10 Lb. Bag  
Potatoes - 41c

FLORIDA  
GRAPEFRUIT  
6 for 29c

VALUES  
EFFECTIVE  
TO CLOSING  
SAT. DEC. 13th.

DOMINION STORES LIMITED

## BANKER TRANSFERRED

R. A. Eaton, for the past four years Chief Accountant in the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is being transferred to Tilbury where he will become manager of a new branch of the bank being opened at that point.

"R. A." has been a popular member of the local staff and will be missed in social, business and sporting circles. He was an active member of the Lions Club and a zealous worker in all community and charitable enterprises.

## Lions Club

Provided our hostess, Peggy O'Neil, doesn't break a leg, she will be ready to take care of us for our pre-Christmas meeting, everything bright and shining again on Tuesday night next.

This will be an open meeting, stunts, Christmas music, and may be Santa Claus just might appear. All members are to bring a two-bit present, suitably wrapped, for distribution from Santa's bag. If Lady Luck is kind, President Aub will DRAW a bottle of hair tonic, or perhaps Herb Jarvis might be blessed with a couple of peach buds.

The Tall Twister has been instructed to raise money for the Convention . . . fun, so he will be shining with bright ideas.

## GRIMSBY CHEQUE PUTS HAMILTON FUND OVER

(Hamilton Spectator, Dec. 5th)  
The Princess Elizabeth Wedding Gift Fund received a \$400 cheque yesterday from the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, it was announced to-day by E. R. C. Bower, City Treasurer, who is treasurer of the Fund.

This contribution sent the total past the \$10,000 mark.  
Robert Johnson, councillor of the town and a former Hamilton resident, brought the cheque to the city. The money will be used to purchase and ship food to the Princess as her wedding gift.

As other outside donations were received, the gift is going forward on behalf of citizens of Hamilton and district, so the financial support of non-residents will be given recognition. This is the largest single contribution received by the Fund. The cheque was signed on Mayor Henry Bull and G. G. Bourne, treasurer. To-morrow is the final day for accepting donations and after the closing date a total amount on hand will be the ded to send food to needy exp. families.  
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Dobbin had his faults but a ted shortage of anti-freeze rep caused his owner a minute's never worry.

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Sets	Doll Cradles	Push Carts
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## CHRISTMAS TREES CRIBS AND CEPPI

Christmas trees and cribs, with in respective spheres of influence, provide focal points for observances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the story of the first Christmas tree; actually, evergreen decorations were so closely associated with pagan celebrations that they were banned by many ecclesiastics of the early church.

According to literature, the first Christmas tree was set up at Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604; even then the cry rose against the heathen customs and, as late as 1851, the Rev. Henry Schwan was severely criticized for setting up a Christmas tree in his church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the pope to present a tableau of the nativity scene. The first crib, set up at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an im-



mediate sensation; the renaissance endowed the cribs with ornate pagantry and, modernly, the crib is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the tree is to America and northern lands.

Eighteenth century Italians were fond of a fantastic decoration called the Ceppo. Pyramidal in construction, the Ceppi were made on a framework of lathes with transverse shelves rising to three or four stories, depending on the over-all size of the Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered with colored paper, tufts, tassels, fringes, tiny pine cones, and little flags; a manger scene was represented on the lowest shelf, while the upper ones were covered with small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were placed along the sides and a large gilt cone ornamented the top. Although the original designer probably never saw a Christmas tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little imagination—bridges the gap between Christmas cribs and trees.

A middle age man acquires that New Look when he has to put on eyeglasses.

## HER QUIET CHRISTMAS

Kate Yarrov had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrov household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation, and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rattlings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave away to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back—with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe—and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"

## CHILD STOPS SHIP

Consternation reigned when the Dutch motor-ship Rembrandt came to a sudden halt in the Indian Ocean on her way to Melbourne, Australia. The first mate, startled, went to see the captain, but found he was asleep.

On the way out of the captain's cabin he ran into the chief engineer, who was also racing in to see the skipper. Both professed ignorance of the cause of the dramatic stand still.

The chief officer then noticed one of the passengers, Leslie Erkelen, aged 2½ years, from Rotterdam, had tell-tale grease marks on his hands. Rapid investigation revealed that the self-appointed pilot had gained silent entrance to the emergency control room on the deck, where he had excitedly tugged at the emergency-brake lever!

## STAR OF BETHLEHEM PHENOMENON OF AGE

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion.

Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomenon theories—without attaching too much weight to any such hypotheses.

Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the



star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

The first chapter of the gospel according to St. Matthew begins: "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham..."

And confirming Bethlehem as the city of David, the angel of the Lord declared:

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a SAVIOUR which is CHRIST the Lord." St. Luke 2:11.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately: "... stood over where the young Child was." St. Matthew 2:8.

## ANCIENT RUSSIA

Moscow radio recently reported that a villager of Sadova, in the Stavropol region of Russia, had just celebrated his 142nd birthday.

The villager's name is Chishkin, and his father lived to be 137.

Chishkin still takes an active part in village life, it was stated, and attended a conference to discuss a recent statement on agriculture by the Russian Government.

Old Job had patience but of course he never tried to use a cigarette lighter that wouldn't work.

## Holiday Greetings



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## Fashion Review Films

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## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

## PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## LADY BYRON'S

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## Christmas Is You...

## REMEMBERING

ALL the good sights and sounds and smells of Christmas hurry you back along the evergreen trail of memories... to other happy days and merry nights, gay as twinkling candles across the snow-banked years. At times you wonder... what lent such enchantment to the old-time Christmas?

How can you make the Christmas of to-day as joyous and memorable for your own youngsters? As always, there is but one answer... love, the power that radiates and endures... that turns simple acts into hallowed tradition. Love finds time to share, to laugh, to be a bit sentimental. Love makes you remember... others.

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for all our many patrons of the  
past year. We've enjoyed serv-  
ing you... we hope to have  
the same pleasure in the  
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Merry Christmas, Hap-  
py New Year, One  
and All!

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WHAT A WARM WELCOME ST. NICK

ILL GET



Lovely Dorothy Parker, Canadian-born screen actress, and former model, assures St. Nicholas a warm welcome when he pays his annual visit at Christmas time.

**THE GREATEST GIFT**

Those who give themselves grow richer.

The kindly word, the spontaneous smile, the thoughtful deed—those are outward expressions of the goodness inside the hearts and minds of men.

Those of us in the newspaper business must record the little things that make news day by day. Often we wish there were less of pettiness in the world and more of the spirit of Christmas scattered throughout the year. But the day that marks the birth of Jesus brings with it a rebirth of faith and hope and a realization that deep down inside each person there are Christ-like qualities of unselfishness, loyalty and devotion to the highest principles of God and man. It is those qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly, there is "joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

And so we again join in the gladness of the season to wish all our friends and subscribers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**SECOND LOOK**

"I got off a street car this morning," said a doctor, "and being in no hurry, I began moralizing on the actions and probable character of three men who had alighted just before me. The first one was already half way down the block. There, I thought, goes a hustler, a man bound to succeed. The second man was walking slowly but with an air of purpose. He might, I thought do fairly well perhaps. But the last fellow was just dawdling along in a shiftless sort of way. That man, I thought is no account. Just then the startling thought flashed through my mind. All three were ahead of me."

**THE HOLY THORN OF GLASTONBURY**

In honor of the Hawthorn, which legendarily shielded Christ while he rested in the woods before the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he started on his long journey to Britain shortly after the death of Christ. Arriving at last at his new home in Glastonbury, Joseph stuck his walking stick into the ground; the staff began to grow and soon acquired the habit of producing flowers each Christmas Eve.

The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Hearne's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury, published in 1722. In this



work, Mr. Eyton states: "Whether it sprang from St. Joseph of Arimathea's dry staff, I cannot find, but beyond all dispute it sprang up miraculously."

When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1753, 2,000 persons assembled at Glastonbury on December 25—new style—to see if the Holy Thorn would bloom in agreement with the new calendar; when it did not, many refused to participate in the usual observances of Christmas. The evil of changing calendars was proven when the thorn blossomed on January 5—Christmas Eve—old style—and many ministers in the vicinity of Glastonbury appeared their congregations by announcing that Christmas would be observed according to the old calendar.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1900 and planted near St. Alban's school in Washington, D. C., by the late Right Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee. The cutting grew into a tree, blossoming for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it has blossomed each year at Christmas-time and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

**TABLES OF MEASURE**

Linear Measure	
(Used in Measuring Lengths and Distances)	
12 inches	1 foot
3 feet	1 yard
5 1/2 yards	1 rod or pole
16 1/2 feet	1 rod or pole
40 rods	1 furlong
8 furlongs	1 mile
320 rods	1 mile
5280 feet	1 mile
Land Measure	
10 rods x 16 rods	1 acre
5 rods x 32 rods	1 acre
4 rods x 40 rods	1 acre
20 yards x 242 yards	1 acre
40 yards x 121 yards	1 acre
60 feet x 726 feet	1 acre
220 feet x 198 feet	1 acre
4840 square yards	1 acre



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In keeping with this we sold our old jalopy a few weeks before the government put its extra tax on new motor cars. Consequently we reaped no benefit from this tax on the transaction, but we most certainly will feel its effect when and if we buy a new car.

Meantime selling our car has put us "on our feet" in every sense of the word.

We have owned and driven cars so long that it is sort of an adventure to be without one.

There are compensations and disadvantages.

We have to endure in silence the chorales of our friends who brought new cars before the government put on the extra taxes.

We have to endure the pitying looks of people who have forgotten that there is any means of getting about except behind a steering wheel.

We have to carry an umbrella when it rains.

On the other hand there are compensations.

When we want to go to a store that is a ten minutes walk from our home, we just walk to the store and back. When we owned a car we had to go to the trouble of backing it out of the garage; driving about as far past the store as we lived on this side of it to find a place to park; walking back to the store; walking from the store back to the car; and driving it home again.

When somebody from out of town visits us and must go down town to the hotel around mid-night, we've no guilty feeling when we just offer to drive them down. We just look up a taxi-cab number for them.

When a group of ladies come to the home at the evening to the bridge or something, we no longer have to hide in the cellar until they have gone for fear some of them are not driving.

Way to buy fruit at a little higher than we would have to pay more if we ordered it from the store.

When it snows, as snow it will, will just sit in front of the radio we "let her snow," comforted by and thought that we don't care if the slide drive fills up to the eaves. The on these compensations start.

We, when we get some money, to pay the government removes the when I when the manufacturer tax, a willing to sell us a car, becoy start looking for a new we one.

**HAND CLEANLINESS**

ed for hand cleanliness is the set of a bulletin issued by the Department of National Health Welfare. It isn't only a matter of decency, but of vital health concern. say the doctors, for bacteria of ably collects on the hands and is readily transmitted. "It's a self-preservation to keep and and nails clean," declares a she authority, "for disease can han rapidly from the germs he may harbour."

TO MY MANY, MANY FRIENDS AND CLIENTS, IT IS THE OLD, OLD WISH

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# SLAVERY

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Phoebe, negro slaves of Mr. "Sec'y Jarvis."

Slaves continued to run away. Colonel Butler, in The Upper Canada Gazette of July 4, 1793, advertised a reward of \$5 for his "negro man-servant named John." On Aug. 28, 1802, Mr. Charles Field of Niagara advertised in The Herald: "All persons are forbidden harboring, employing, concealing my Indian slave, Sal, as I am determined to prosecute any offender to the extremity of the law, and persons who may suffer her to remain in or upon their premises for the space of half an hour without my written consent will be taken as offending and dealt with accordingly."

There was always a demand for good slaves. For example, in The Gazette and Oracle of Niagara, October 11, 1797, W. & J. Crooks of West Niagara "Wanted to purchase a negro girl of good disposition"; a little later January 2, 1802, The Niagara Herald advertised for sale "a negro man slave, 18 years old, stout and healthy; has had the smallpox and is capable of service either in the house or outdoors. The terms will be made easy to the purchaser, and cash or new lands received in payment." On January 18, 1802, The Niagara Herald proclaimed for sale: "The negro man and woman, the property of Mrs. Widow Clement. They have been bred to the business of a farm; will be sold on highly advantageous terms for cash or lands."

Slavery in Upper Canada continued until the Imperial Act of 1833, but there does not seem to be any record of sales after 1806. Probably the last slaves to become free were two who are mentioned by the late Sir Adam Wilson, Chief Justice successively of the Courts of Common Pleas and Queen's Bench at Toronto. These were "two young slaves, Hank and Sukey, whom he met at the residence of Mrs. O'Reilly, mother of the venerable Miles O'Reilly, Q.C., in Halton county, about 1830. They took freedom under the Act of 1833, and were perhaps the last slaves in the Province."

During the war of 1812, prices of all commodities began to soar, and the military commissariat was not particular about the source of beef offered to it. Cattle roaming in the woods were killed and the meat sold to the army. It was found that the perpetrators were generally, but by no means always, landless men, not infrequently refugee slaves. The offense was punished with death, though the punishment was not in practice inflicted. At the Fall Assizes, 1819, at York, before Mr. Justice Campbell and a jury, a man of color, Philip Turner, was convicted of stealing and killing a heifer and sentenced to death. Mr. Justice Powell, who had been in the Commission of Oyer and Terminer with Campbell, reported to the Lieutenant-Governor that there had as yet been no execution for this offense in the Province, and recommended that the sentence should be commuted to banishment for life from his Majesty's Dominions. Tradition has it that Turner was a refugee from the United States, and begged to be hanged rather than sent back where he would be again enslaved.

When the fugitive slave reached the soil of Upper Canada he became and was free with all the rights and privileges of any other free man; but sometimes the former condition of servitude had unhappy results. One case will suffice.

John Harris was a slave in Virginia. He rented a house in Richmond and lived in it with his wife, Sarah Holloway. Harris was a painter, and gave the greater part of his earnings to his master. The wife earned money by washing, and gave to her mistress part of her scanty earnings. The wife's second name was that of her master, Major Holloway, in whose house she had been married in 1825 to Harris by the Rev. Richard Vaughan, a Baptist minister, a free man. The couple had three children.

In 1833 Harris effected his escape to Upper Canada and came to Toronto (then York) in the spring of 1834 under the name of George Johnstone. In 1847 he obtained from John Beverly Robinson, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, a deed of three acres of land, part of lot 12, in the first concession, from the Bay east of the River Don in the township of York. He died without a will in February, 1851. The deserted wife, after his escape, married a man by the name of Brown. She continued a slave till the fall of Richmond, and died in 1869 or 1870.

About that time the eldest son came to Canada, and he brought an action as the heir-in-law against one Cooper, the person in possession. All the facts were clear and the only difficulty in the way was as to the validity of the marriage of the negro. Chief Justice William Buell Richards, of the Court of Queen's Bench tried the case at the Fall Assizes, 1870, at Toronto. Evidence was given by a Virginia lawyer and judge that there was no law in Virginia either authorizing or forbidding the marriage of slaves because "slaves were property and not persons for marital purposes. In short, by the law of Virginia, slaves were but property, treated as property exclusively, except where by special Statute they were made persons."

On this evidence, therefore, the Chief Justice dismissed the action.

The plaintiff appealed to the full Court of Queen's Bench, urging that the slaves had done all they could to make their marriage legal. In vain, they were not British subjects and the rules of international law were too rigid to allow of the court holding the marriage legal.

Before the Act of 1793, there was some immigration of slaves fleeing from their masters in the United States. After the Act of 1793, however, a slave by entering Upper Canada became free, whether he was brought in by his master or fled from him. Legislation of the United States in the same year increased the number of those fleeing to the province under this law. Slaves who had effected their escape to what were considered free States were liable to be reclaimed by their masters. Shocking instances of the forcing into renewed slavery of the escaped slave and even of enslaving free persons of color are on record and there are told worse which never saw the open light of day.

The first Fugitive Slave Law was passed by the United States in 1793. Three years afterwards occurred an episode, little known and less commented upon, showing very clearly the views of George Washington on the subject of fugitive slaves, at least of those slaves who were his own.

A slave girl of his escaped and made her way to Portsmouth, N. H. Washington, on discovering her place of refuge, wrote concerning her to Joseph Whipple, the Collector at Portsmouth, November 28, 1796. The letter is still extant. It is of three full pages, and was sold in London in 1877 for ten guineas. Charles Sumner had it in his hands when he made the speech reported in Charles Sumner's Works, Vol. III, p. 177. Washington in the letter described the fugitive and particularly expressed the desire of "her mistress," Mrs. Washington, for her return to Alexandria. He feared public opinion in New Hampshire, for he added:

"I do not mean by this request that such violent measure should be used as would excite a mob or riot, which might be the case if she has adherents; or even uneasy sensations in the minds of well-disposed citizens. Rather than either of these should happen, I would forgo her services altogether, and the example also, which is of infinite more importance."

In other words, if the slave girl has no friends or "adherents," send her back to slavery—if she has, and they would actively oppose her return, let her go—and even if it only be that "well-disposed citizens" disapprove of her capture and return, let her remain free.

The celebrated Underground Railway was the means of hundreds of slaves reaching the Province. Some slaves escaped by their own efforts in what can fairly be called a miraculous way. No more dramatic or thrilling tales were ever told than could be told by some of these refugees, some having been brought by their masters near to the Canadian boundary, then clandestinely or by force effected a passage. Some came from far to the south, guided by the North Star. Many were assisted by friends more or less secretly. These refugees joined settlements with other people of color freeborn or freed in the western part of the peninsula, in the counties of Essex and Kent and elsewhere. Some of them settled in other parts of the Province, either together or more usually sporadically. Toronto received many. These were superior to most of their race, for none but those with more than ordinary qualities could reach Canada.

## CASE FOR ETIQUETTE

Declaring that Etiquette is a part of mental health practice, and rounds out the picture of a healthy mind in a healthy body, the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, says a good word for "etiquette" in a recent bulletin. "Manners, in addition to making the man, makes the woman and the happy man," says the bulletin. This statement is based on the assertion that mental health is a person, being social, the man's companion, is correspondingly more and, hence, healthily happier.

## PRINCESS SNUBBED—BUT DOESN'T CARE



An incident occurred during the visit of Princess Margaret to the Union of Girls' Schools Social Service Settlement in London recently. She called in at the nursery school just as the children were enjoying tea, and when this picture was taken, the young boy seen in picture, appeared to take more interest in a photographer than the princess.



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T. ERIC BANKS, President.

T. H. JARVIS, Secretary.

## ENGAGED "HEELING IN" FOR NEXT YEAR'S SHIPMENT OF TREES



A picturesque scene at the Dominion forestry farm at Indian Head, Sask., where workers are now engaged in "heeling in" trees for shipment next spring. These will go to farmers on the "bald prairies" where they will provide hedges and shelter belts, giving welcome shade and reducing soil drifting in a few years' time. Deciduous trees, such as caragana, poplar, ash and elm are lifted and tied in bundles of 25, placed in a plow furrow, and plowed in. In spring they are easily taken from the furrow and shipped to planters. Last spring the forestry station sent 5,000 trees to prairie farmers, and expects a bigger season still in the spring of 1948.

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Old and traditional as Christmas itself are our new and bright wishes for a sparkling year of health, wealth, good cheer and happiness.

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An old married couple is the one when the wife buys the Christmas present hubby is to give her a good while before Christmas.



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# YULE SUPERSTITIONS



• You hang holly in your window to keep witches away, not for decorative purposes, according to one of the many legends and superstitions that have been built around Christmas customs.

• If you see a white Christmas, there will be a light graveyard, a dark Christmas, many deaths. Halloween is not the only day when spirits walk, they are also said to walk on Christmas Eve.

• Mistletoe is said to cure all wounds as well as give strength to wrestlers.

• Sauerkraut should be eaten for luck on Christmas.

• It is also bad luck to sew on Christmas or to decorate an upper room.

• Woodland spirits will be driven out of the house if it has been decorated with holly and ivy.



• Plum pudding, it is claimed, is eaten on Christmas-day because the Wise Men brought spices to Jesus.

• Stockings hung over the fireplace will protect the owners from evil spirits.

• If a branch of yew is accidentally brought into a house on Christmas, it is looked upon as an augury that a death will occur in the family before the end of the year.



• It is also claimed that a child born on Christmas can understand the speech of animals, and see what others cannot see.

• Daughters born on Christmas will be wise, witty and virtuous.

## RENDEZVOUS

Laurette was dining alone in her apartment, while outside the tempo of a New Year's celebration grew in intensity.

It was quiet, sitting there by candlelight, a beautiful moment to reflect back over the 12 months just ending—except that tonight was so crucial! Tonight the vigil would end, the problem would resolve itself. But which way?

It was a strange thing they had done. Just a year ago tonight, while all New York was going mad welcoming the New Year with raucous gaiety, they had been sitting in this very room—yes, Harry over there in the big arm chair and she, Laurette, in the very chair she occupied at this moment. "Laurie," he used to call her; not "Laurette," the name everyone else used, but "Laurie," the convenient abbreviation he had invented.

"I'm a failure, Laurie," he had said. "Five years on the same job with nothing to show save a thinning head of hair and an almost empty bank account."

Laurette remembered how she had tried to comfort him, and then the bombshell:

"No, honey," he had said flatly. "It's no use. We can't be married, for I'd merely be fastening a millstone around your neck. I'm leaving—leaving you right now!"

She had cried, protested, and then he had agreed to make a game of it. His parting words, still vivid, were:

"If you'll wait a year, Laurie, dear—a year from tonight. If I've succeeded, if I've made something of myself by then, I'll be back. A year from tonight. If not, well, probably you'll never see me again."

She still remembered the firm set of his shoulders as he walked out the door that night, bound he knew not where.

She remembered the questions their friends had asked. Where was Harry? Away on a long trip she had replied, at first. Then she had ceased to offer excuses, and of course the friends stopped asking questions.

Only once had there been word of him, and then only very indefinite news.

"I saw him getting into a cab on Market street," Bill Collins had told her upon returning from a trip to San Francisco. "At least I think it was Harry. Saw him only an instant, though, and I couldn't be sure!"

So tonight she was waiting. Only God and she and Harry knew how important was this New Year's Eve. Bill Collins had asked her out for the evening but she said, no, she wasn't feeling well and would stay home. Then he asked if he might drop around to her apartment and she begged off. Bill had given her a puzzled look, but only God and she and Harry knew...

Laurette washed the dinner dishes, brushed her hair and straightened up the living room, because Harry used to enjoy sitting in front of the hearth with his pipe.

At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door, and Laurette's heart jumped. But it was only the lady next door, pausing long enough to extend the inevitable "Happy New Year!"

"What's happy about it?" Laurette wanted to ask her.

She picked up a book and tried to read, but it was no use. Midnight came, and outside the noise reached a mighty crescendo. At that moment Laurette suddenly realized that Harry had failed her; New Year's Eve was over, and he hadn't kept the rendezvous!

Then the telephone jangled and Laurette leaped to answer.

"San Francisco calling Miss Windsor," said the operator. Then a long silence, while Laurette held her breath. Hadn't Bill thought he'd seen Harry in San Francisco? Finally the operator came back: "I'm sorry, Miss Windsor, but our

lines have apparently gone out somewhere. I'll have to call you back."

Then Laurette had an idea. "Operator," she asked, "was that call addressed just to Miss Windsor? Wasn't there a first name?"

"Why, I guess so," came the reply. "Yes, here it is—to Miss Laurie, L-a-u-r-i-e Windsor. That's you, isn't it?"

"I'll say it is!" Laurette shouted gleefully. "But only one person in the world ever called me that!"

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hunter, also the desire of the Give us earthly things,

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knife grinds of the miller, The son the knowledge of the Give us

Magi, fulness of the pigeon, The cheelsiveness of the cock, The impudence of the lamb,

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### LEGAL LOTTERIES IN BRITAIN AND U.S.A. ONCE FLOURISHED

By PERCY GHENT, in The  
Toronto Telegram

Coincidences have a habit of occurring so frequently in our own experience that we have ceased to regard them as "odd," and accept them casually as a matter of course. One encountered the other day concerned lotteries. At the same moment that we were reading in a biography of Mary Russell Mitford, English wit and essayist of early Victorian days, that as a child she had selected a lottery ticket which brought a prize of £20,000, a daughter of ours called attention to the 24 prizes of \$100,000 each in the current Irish Sweepstakes. This incident was a reminder that in years past efforts have been made to legalize lotteries in Canada, but without success. Such things are banned, probably with good reason, in the United States and Britain also. In the meantime, however, Belgium, France and Elre are among the countries where the necessary legislation is provided to permit lotteries, while Canadians, Americans and Britons provide the necessary funds. This arrangement is considered an excellent one—particularly by the citizens of Elre.

Not always have Britain and the United States frowned upon lotteries or sweepstakes as evil or demoralizing affairs. Way back in Queen Elizabeth's day lotteries provided funds to build ships and improve harbors. When sales were poor, Elizabeth instructed her ministers to apply pressure to her too thrifty subjects. Among other inducements was immunity to arrest for purchasers of the Queen's ticket—unless they had committed one of the major crimes. Nowadays, if the law were strictly enforced, the buying and selling of lottery tickets would lead to arrest. This proves how virtuous and enlightened we have become. Or does it? What really came as a shock to this sensitive soul was learning that George Washington once boosted a lottery. It was grief enough to know that his noble hand had wielded the little hatchet that cut down the cherry tree, for we had been led to believe that apart from the chopping incident, he could have been labelled 100 per cent. pure. Then to think that the same hand, presumably, had signed lottery tickets, specimens of which are still extant. It simply won't bear thinking about.

Yet it must be conceded that George's lottery was for a noble cause. In 1783 it appears, there was no hotel worthy of the name to grace the capital of the new republic. When distinguished visitors came to town someone had to scout around to find a respectable boarding house for them. So it was decided to build a first-class, modern hostelry "with baths and out-houses complete." Private enterprise failing to undertake the vast project, a lottery was organized to furnish the funds. And the first prize was the hotel itself. George Washington bought the first ticket. After that bit of history it is not so severe a blow to learn that the memorial on Boston's famed Bunker Hill was paid for with lottery money. When in the days of Samuel Pepys, there was a slump in the fishing industry, Sam was one of the trustees in a lottery instituted to help the fishermen. He was granted a hundred pounds for his services, as were his thirty-six fellow workers in the cause. And so to bed, with a heart full of sym-

pathy for ye poore fishermen—and full of gratitude to ye poore fishes who bought the tickets. In 1739, the New Westminster Bridge in Old London was financed by the sale of lottery tickets. One ticket-holder was a poor widow of Holborn, and her pastor prayed long and fervently in public that she might have good luck. Oddest of the prizes used to lure ticket buyers was a substantial sum in "pieces of eight," old Spanish coins said to be a pirate's hoard once found on the New England coast. About the value of a dollar, each coin was partially cut into eight segments for easy breaking into small change. Hence the origin of the term "two bits" for a quarter of a dollar.

Vast sums are invested in lottery tickets nowadays—"invested" not being the right word, incidentally, in most instances. It would seem that sums equally vast were spent in the same way more than a century ago. Pennsylvania of Colonial days was a striking instance. One lottery followed another the year around, the prize usually being a new brick house. Later as a state of the Union, Pennsylvania raised funds in the same way to pave streets, encourage the cultivation of grapes, erect churches, span rivers with bridges or build light-houses. By 1832 the lottery mania must have become something of a leading enterprise. In that year citizens spent no less than \$53,000,000 on lottery tickets. Mexican enterprise at one time, if not currently,

### PHOTOG ON HIGH-BAR



At the Lionel showroom in New York City, amateur photographers are having a field day, during the contest in which all photographs made at the Lionel showroom are entered in a U.S. national contest. The company makes almost any concession to the picture taker in order for them to achieve odd and interesting pictures of the display. Miss Evelyn Peterson of New York City, hangs from a high-bar (above), making an overhead shot of the miniature trains, as children watch her antics. What will Photo to do next.

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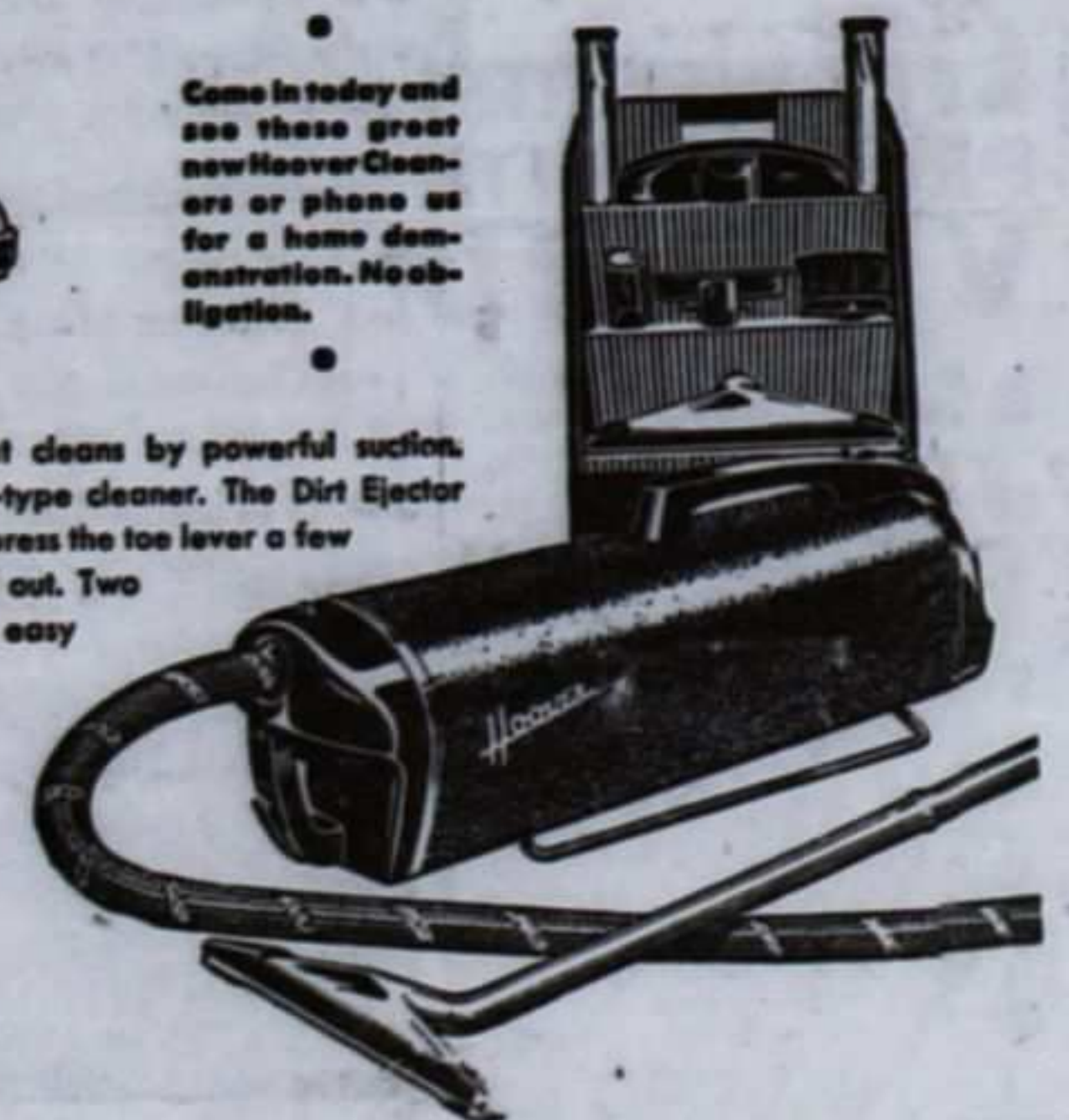


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# SMOKING SPARROW AND HITCHHIKING MOUSE LEAD OFF FREAK SQUEAK PARADE OF 1947

By PAUL JONES

**National Safety Council**  
When a sparrow smokes in bed and a cockroach kicks a man down the stairs, things are getting good and wacky. But that's what happened in 1947.

And that isn't all. A dead deer shot a hunter. A hit-skip cow made traffic history. A mouse upset a truck, a quail committed suicide, and some busy little bees boarded

a streetcar and caused a honey of an accident.

Yes, the annual roundup of odd accidents by the National Safety Council reveals that animals stole the show in 1947. To wit:

Firemen in Camden, N. J., finally found the source of smoke pouring through the home of Mrs. Marie Baugher—a bird's nest under the roof. A sparrow had carried home a lighted cigarette. And just to

prove that smoking in bed isn't restricted to sparrows, a pigeon in Washington started an apartment house fire the same way.

The celebrated case of the cantankerous cockroach occurred in Detroit and involved John Nantico, a bakery employee. Mr. Nantico, said he was ascending stairs made slippery by spilled cake frosting when he looked into the leering eyes of the biggest cockroach any man ever saw. He kicked at the roach, the other foot slipped and he landed at the bottom of the stairs with a broken leg.

A dead deer shot Clarence Gerkin of Hudson, Colo., in a neat bit of posthumous vengeance. Mr. Gerkin had shot the deer first and was preparing to dress it when a reflex kick by the animal hit his gun and discharged it. The bullet tore through Gerkin's left arm.

The hit-skip cow became part of the nation's traffic problem when it bowled over Mrs. Lucy Nostrand as she alighted from a bus at a busy intersection in Milwaukee. The bounding bovine, fugitive from a farm, whammed into Mrs. Nostrand, knocked her flat, and barreled on down the street.

The British Women's Land Army had trained 19-year-old Christine Woodward to face bombs, bullets and battle without flinching, but they hadn't thought of a mouse. So when a mouse scampered across the toes of Miss Woodward while she was driving an army truck in Daventry, England, she just did what came naturally. She fainted. The truck went into a ditch, the mouse into a field, and the victim to a hospital.

Far less intrepid was the suicidal quail that found itself looking down the barrel of a gun held by Gene Hatfield in Joplin, Mo. Realizing the jig was up, the quail decided to end it all. It flew straight against the barrel of the gun and dropped at Hatfield's feet with a broken neck.

Apparently stung by the high cost of living, bees took to streetcars in 1947. A frolicsome bunch of them swarmed aboard a trolley in Cincinnati and evinced great interest in Motorman Earl Armstrong. As he frantically battled at his bumbling passengers, the streetcar bumped an auto, which rammed the rear of another. Meanwhile, buzz, buzz, buzz went the trolley.

As Fireman Horace LeBouf was carrying Mrs. Catherine Markowski down a ladder from a burning building in Detroit, they passed a first floor window. Flames shot out and nipped LeBouf in the seat of his pants. He yelped, spanked himself frantically and let go of Mrs. Markowski. LeBouf lost his bal-

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ance, landed smack on the lady, who preceded him to the ground. Mrs. Markowski was bruised, her rescuer apologetic.

A speedboat carrying Miss Georgia Brooks of Chicago during a holiday outing on Lake Geneva, Wis., swerved so sharply it threw Miss Brooks into the water, swerved again, hit the struggling swimmer, flipped her neatly back on its prow.

And in Seattle, John Angel drove into a service station, ordered a change of oil, stepped out, discovered too late that he was eight feet aloft on a grease rack.

World's champion freak faller of the year, so far as distance is concerned, was Charles Arter, pit-boy in a mine in South Yorkshire, England. Charlie fell down a 1,554-foot shaft and escaped with only a broken leg. Halfway down the shaft he overtook an elevator cage which was going down almost as fast as he was. He landed on it and rode the rest of the way down.

In Lille, France, a tile setter named Yvon Dherire slipped off a roof, fell six stories and landed snugly in a baby buggy from which an alert mother had frantically snatched her child. Dherire was unhurt, but the mother fainted and broke an ankle.

**SMALLEST "KINGDOM" IN ALL THE WORLD**

Twelve miles from Britain's mainland, out where the Bristol Channel meets the great rollers of the Atlantic, lies the smallest independent "kingdom" in the world, the island of Lundy. Some three miles in length and about a mile wide, the island consists for the most part of cultivable land and heath.

All round the coast, however, tower cliffs of solid granite to a height of 450 feet, forming from the sea a most impressive spectacle.

In the southeast corner, sheltered by a rock called Rat Island, the haunt of thousands of brown rats, there is a landing place for small boats, and once a week a vessel arrives from the mainland with stores.

Apart from this, there is no communication with England whatever, except for a telephone connection with Barnstaple in North Devon, and often during the winter months, on account of storms and rough seas, it is not possible for a ship to call for weeks on end. But before the outbreak of World War II, a daily

air service was in operation from Barnstaple.

The main occupation of the 50 inhabitants who form this curious community and maintain upward of 800 sheep and 100 cattle on the island are farming and fishing.

Thousands of sea birds, notably the puffin, have their nests here and breed in great numbers. Indeed, Lundy has often been called "Puffin Island" by reason of the prolific quantity of these birds.

There are two lighthouses on the island, erected by Trinity House on land leased from the proprietor, S. T. Harman, who is commonly known as the "King" of Lundy. No rates or taxes are either levied or paid.

The previous "King" established his own post office and issued postage stamps in the "puffin" currency; the latter were of two denominations, "puffin" and half-puffin.

During the seventeenth century the island was a resort of French privateers, who sallied forth from the shelter on the south side to harass shipping entering the Bristol Channel.

Although most of the people of Lundy lived remote from the recent homeland. Now they have returned world conflict, the able-bodied volunteered for service in many fields, bringing renown and glory to their to take up once more the threads of their existence, farming and fishing for their daily bread.

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## DAY OF DAYS

Mary Crane emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

"I'm sorry it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done."

"I wonder if you'd do me a favour?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come and mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "I will make Christmas for me, who was spending it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock and we'll drop them off here on the day."

After Hattie had left Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—"

she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep.

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "Suppose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue rolled his head down and blessed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to mark a basket for you to take alone," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cherry tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man; if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

## FATHER KNOWS BEST

In the heyday of her fame Mary Garden, the opera singer, poured out her wealth lavishly. She was particularly generous with her father, but it puzzled her that no matter how much money she sent him, he was always asking for more. Nevertheless she did not question his wants, but gave him all the money he desired.

Came the great stock market debacle. Wiped out in the crash, Miss Garden appealed to her father for aid. He, strangely enough, refused. The singer was deeply disappointed, but she managed to weather the storm.

A few years later her father passed away, and then an astonishing fact was revealed. He had saved every dollar Mary Garden had bestowed upon him, and bequeathed it to her. He had often begged her to save her money in her days of prosperity, but she had disregarded his plea, so he had saved her money for her!

To All

## My Constituents Of Lincoln County



The Yuletide Season is here again. The grim aftermath of war has left many scars which can never be effaced. Our firm belief that Divine Providence would bring us VICTORY, has been justified. During the darkest hours, your courage was an object lesson to mankind.

You will continue to back up what is right, regardless of any sacrifice. To have given you my best has been a privilege which cannot be expressed in words.

As another year draws to a close, may a full measure of God's richest blessings flow your way. May Peace and Goodwill be our guiding star through the years to come.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to you ALL, is the sincere wish of your humble servant,

**"Mac" Lockhart**

## HOLIDAY AT HOME

It was three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theater.

But Ralph had been invited to a "swell house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a lonely mother, or a widowed sister. "What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had, instead, smiled and said that it was meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 500 miles!

Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she smoothed her black tailored woolen frock

over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been particularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train. Closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising agency, and Mr. Johnston's kindly face, when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Philadelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts—and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburg, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthsign, she settled herself into the practical task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but much more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked.

"I win!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and enfolded her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace.

"Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal."

Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother. "I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something."

Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a center page, and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph Wells," she said, "I come home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown it's your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"Okay."

"She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown cautiously. She patted his arm, and Ralph understood.



NO TREE IS BIG ENOUGH...

To lose the happiness we wish all of our friends for this Christmas and the years to come.

**LES. LARSEN**

Plumbing and Heating

Phone 408 Grimsby



We sing out to you, all our heartiest good wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a New Year full of happiness.

**MARY-LYN**

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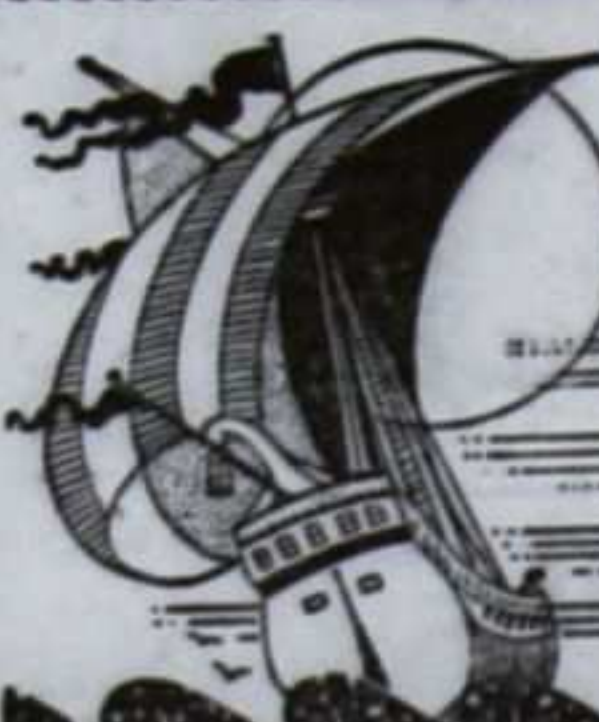
Hi, Ho, and A Merry Christmas

Hang the holly high in every window—the mistletoe over every door and to everyone—

A Happy New Year

**GORDON BOOK**

"Grimsby House Barber Shop"



May your sea in 1948 be calm and smooth and may you sail through the year happily. That's our wish for you this Joyous Christmas season.

**DON MCGREGOR**

Contractor and Builder

ROBINSON SOUTH

GRIMSBY



And A Happy New Year

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS—

**LEPAGE AND STUART**

Garage and Service Station

PHONE 193

GRIMSBY



## I'm Only An Old Piece of Newsprint

I'm only an old piece of newsprint, but on my face has been chronicled all the heart throbs; the joys; the pain; the tragedies; the comedies of a world that has no end.

I have carried the printed word of the crashes of Kingdoms; of titanic sea disasters; of wars and rumors of wars; of Death and Destruction; political upheavals and sporting events that have astonished the Universe.

I have carried the little human interest stories of the Back Concessions to Human Souls, eager for news of their neighbours and the outside world; to our city cousins, the tides and flows, fortunes and fluctuations of Agriculture, Industry, and above all Religion.

On this Natal Day, I am carrying THE GRIMSBY INDEPENDENT'S message of Good Wishes for a

## Merry, Merry Christmas

and a NEW YEAR to come that will be filled with Health, Wealth, Prosperity for you, and all your neighbours.

J. ORLON LIVINGSTON,  
Editor.



## POLICE ADMINISTRATION COST GRIMSBY \$3,300 DURING 1947

Two Mills On Tax Rate Covers All Costs—Police Are Actually Giving Citizens 24 Hour Service—Taxpayer Will Have Choice On Election Day As To What Police System Shall Be In Vogue.

On Monday, January 5th, the citizens of Grimsby will have the opportunity of expressing their wish as to just how they want the Town of Grimsby policed. If they wish to continue under the present system of a municipal police force or if they wish the policing of the town taken over by the Ontario Provincial Police.

In this article, the first of three, The Independent will endeavour to give the taxpayers a clear and concise view of the present police set-up and how it operates.

Chief of Police William W. Turner has been in his present position for close to 10 years. During that period of time there has been no major crime in Grimsby. Actual juvenile delinquency cases have been nil. Chief Turner works on no eight hour, five days a week basis. His usual hours, seven days a week are from around four o'clock in the afternoon until five, six, seven, or eight o'clock the next morning. Then on top of that he still has on occasion to attend police court in St. Catharines, and moreover spend other hours ferreting out evidence on cases.

Constable George Seymour is working an eight hour day. Doing a right smart job of taking care of Main Street, the traffic point duty at the top of Palmer's Hill for the school kids and sundry duties. George Seymour is one of the best cops that Grimsby has ever had.

In plain English Chief Turner and Constable Seymour are actually giving Grimsby 24 hour police service.

It must be admitted that there are many telephone calls that go into the police office unanswered. But you simply come back to the fact that one man cannot be in two places at one time. If the man is in the office to answer all telephone calls, then he cannot be out on the street. If he is out on the street he cannot be in the office to answer the telephone.

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## GRIMSBY WEATHER

Week ending at 8 a.m., Monday, December 15, 1947.  
Highest temperature 43.5  
Lowest temperature 21.0  
Mean temperature 29.6  
Precipitation 0.15 inches

## WILLIAM HUNTER HONORED BY CANADIAN CATTLE BREEDERS

Grimsby Man Tendered Testimonial Dinner—Recipient Of Two Presentations—Has Been Chief Inspector Of Dominion Registry Board For Dairy Cattle For 20 Years.

(Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal)

For twenty years as Chief Inspector of the Advanced Registry Board for Dairy Cattle, Bill Hunter (Grimsby Beach), has been a familiar figure and welcome visitor among Canada's dairy cattle breeders from coast to coast. He has now retired and resides near Grimsby, Ont.

During the recent Royal Winter Fair about 90 of his friends foregathered at a dinner in the Roof Garden of Toronto's Royal York Hotel, to tell Mr. Hunter how much his work had done for the cattle breeding industry and to present to him a book containing a scroll of appreciation and the signatures of many friends.

Another presentation, the product of The William Hunter Testimonial Fund, contained what was described by Deputy Minister Dr. H. Barton, in making the presentation, "as something a Scotchman will like and something a Scotchman will know how to look after," came from dairy cattle breeders and friends of Bill Hunter across Canada.

Dr. Barton, R. S. Hamer and

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## GRIMSBY STORE HOURS

Shopping hours in Grimsby stores, Friday and Saturday of this week will be the same as usual.

Next week the stores will be open evenings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Wednesday afternoon. Stores will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Open as usual on Saturday the 27th.

Grimsby Liquor store will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until eight o'clock, but will close Christmas Eve at six o'clock. Store will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Beverage rooms will close at six o'clock on Christmas Eve and will remain closed until 12 noon on Boxing Day.

Canadian Bank of Commerce will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

## OFFICE BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Grimsby Brick And Tile Co. Scene Of \$3,000 Blaze—All Furniture And Records Saved.

Fire caused approximately three thousand dollars damage on Monday afternoon to the office building of the Grimsby Brick and Tile Co., which is owned and operated by J. Cooke Concrete Block Ltd. The office building is of brick structure and is a separate unit not attached to the plant.

Cause of the fire was given by Mr. Cooke as an overheated pipe from the air conditioned furnace which was installed only a few weeks ago.

Employees at the yard fought the blaze with extinguishers, and cleared practically all of the office furniture, equipment and records from the blazing building. The Beamsville Fire Department was called and fought the blaze successfully.

Rebuilding will commence immediately, stated Mr. Cooke.

## POWER INTERRUPTION BLACKENS BEAMSVILLE

Citizens Went Supperless Or Drove Out In The Township To Restaurants—Hydro Men Do Good Job.

A lot of people either went without their supper or at least sat down to a late one on Monday night, when a transformer in central Beamsville blew out just a few minutes before six o'clock. The whole business section was in darkness for well over an hour, and the block from Central Ave. to Hixon Street was blacked out even longer.

Frank Sutherland's men did a very fine job of restoring service, and by nine o'clock a new transformer had been put into use, and another was added at another location so as to split the load and possibly prevent a recurrence of the major blackout.

Stores were crowded at the time of the failure, and those stores with electric cash registers, most

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## SERVED THE PEOPLE FOR OVER 40 YEARS



THOMAS W. ALLAN, who through illness missed the first council meeting of his long municipal career on Monday when North Grimsby Township council held their last meeting of the year, as he has now retired from the position of Clerk and Treasurer of the Township. "Tom" Allan for over four decades has been a willing and faithful servant of the ratepayers of North Grimsby. He served them as Councillor, Reeve, Warden of the County and latterly for over 30 years as Clerk and Treasurer. A testimonial dinner was to have been tendered him on Monday night by members of the council, but his illness caused a cancellation of this event.

## 942,000 Cigarettes Were Sent Boys Overseas

Fund Has Now Been Closed Out—\$141 Turned Over To Poppy Fund For Veterans.

During the five long, weary years of war there was conducted in Grimsby a fund for the purchase of cigarettes to be sent overseas to our Grimsby and district fighting men. The committee in charge of this fund were C. D. Millyard, R. C. Bourne, K. C. Baxter and E. W. Phelps, with "Carm" doing most of the work.

A great many methods were used in order to raise money for this fund, as well as the liberal donations that were given by private individuals and organizations. A great amount of work was entailed in the handling of this fund and the addressing, wrapping and mailing of the packages of smokes to the boys.

The fund is now a dead issue and Mr. Millyard informs The Independent that total receipts to the fund were \$3,285.90. Expenditures were \$3,144.29, leaving a balance of 141.70. This amount of money has been turned over to the Poppy Fund to be used for assistance of local needy veterans and their families.

All told 942,000 cigarettes were mailed out in 3,140 packages of 300 each.

## LIONS CLUB STAGE A HILARIOUS EVENING

Plenty Of Christmas Presents Handed Around—Presentation Made To "Bob" Eaton Who Is Leaving Town.

A very good attendance checked in at the Village Inn on Tuesday night, as the Grimsby Lions staged their Christmas meeting. Frivolity was the theme, and the Lions

loose on occasions some very spontaneous horse-play, old stand-bys like Cecil Bell, Bill Lawson, Bert Constable and Davy Thompson playing major roles.

Lion Chief Allen noted as the Lions sat down to a very well-elaborated turkey dinner with all the trimmings, the Brownies had done a swell job of rearing the Lions Charter and the Lions Inn. Lion Gordon Hannah was also roundly thanked by the Lions for his donation of a set of flags which were used on this occasion as a centre piece for the table which was loaded with an assortment of "gag" gifts which the Lions were exchanging.

Lions Baxter and Jarvis presided over a brief period of singing, with traditional Christmas carols getting in the act.

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## BUILDING PERMITS THIS YEAR WENT OVER \$100,000 MARK

## A Christmas Message To The Citizens Of Grimsby

One year has passed since I wished you, the citizens of our Town, the compliments of the Christmas season, and it is my sincere privilege to again repeat to each and everyone of you—

We ring the bells and we raise the strain—  
We hang up garlands everywhere,  
And bid the tapers twinkle fair—  
And feast and frolic—and then we go—  
Back to the same old life again.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## HENRY BULL

Mayor of Grimsby

## TOWNSHIP WATER REVENUE IS LESS THAN OPERATION COST

## A WONDERFUL RECORD OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE

For The First Time In Over Half A Century Councillor Wm. Mitchell Misses A Council Meeting.

North Grimsby Council meeting on Monday was just not the same that it has been for many years. Absent from their accustomed places due to illness were Councillor Wm. Mitchell and Thomas W. Allan, the venerable Clerk and Treasurer.

With over 55 years of honorable service to his credit in serving the citizens of Grimsby Village, Town and Township, Councillor Mitchell was absent from his seat for the first time in that long span of years.

Clerk Allan was absent from his accustomed post for the first time in over four decades as Councillor, Reeve, Warden of the County and Clerk and Treasurer of the Township.

Mr. Mitchell who has been confined to Hamilton hospital is making good progress. Mr. Allan is confined to his home with a heavy cold.

## SHOPLIFTERS ARE VERY ACTIVE IN GRIMSBY

Brazen Thieves Are Taking Big Chances But Are So Far Getting Away With It.

Last week The Independent carried a story regarding the great amount of pilfering that was taking place in the stores of Grimsby. Now all this pilfering or shoplifting has not been done by children or even teen-agers. As a matter of fact it looks as if persons with a very professional technique in the art of shoplifting are active.

One store reports the loss of two small mantel radios. A second store also reports the loss of two radios and the fact that an effort had been made to pry open a display showcase.

Third storekeeper reports that a beef Bonson lighters mysteriously appeared from one of his counters and on Saturday last crook "Y" brazenly picked up a \$75 camera and walked away.

There is much doubt that other art: have been stolen from other stores, but to date the merch: have not been lucky enough to catch any of the thieves in the act.

There Are Now 277 Services On The System—Building Permits Issued This Year Totalled \$74,200—Road Superintendent Granted A Bonus Of \$100—New Clerk Sworn In.

Last meeting of the year of North Grimsby Township Council was held on Monday with two vacant chairs around the deliberating table, those of Councillor Wm. Mitchell and Clerk Thos. W. Allan, both laid up with illness. The newly appointed Clerk, J. Gordon Metcalfe, was duly sworn in and assumed the mantle of office.

Tax Collector Victor Wentworth Thompson notified council that he would not again be an applicant for the post of Tax Collector. He also reported that to December 15 his total tax collections amounted to \$35,203. This notification means that the 1948 council will be faced with trying to secure a tax collector of the calibre of the past two collectors, Mr. James MacIntosh and V. W. Thompson. It looks like a difficult task.

Finance Minister Sam Bartlett threw a bombshell into the meeting when he announced that a firm of brokers in Toronto had already made a bid for \$5,000 worth of township debentures, that as yet had not been issued. Apparently Sam has the township in pretty fair financial condition.

During the month of November the East End citizens consumed 1,615,000 gallons of aqua pura and

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## FIRE WAS ACCIDENTAL SO MARSHAL DECIDES

The fire which gutted the Grimsby residence of Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Henry in the early hours of December 1, according to Inspector Lionel Bishop, of the Ontario fire marshal's department, originated from a grate, and was entirely accidental.

Following an inspection of the premises last Tuesday in which he was accompanied by Les Fitzpatrick, Inspector of the Hamilton fire department, and Alfred LePage, Grimsby fire chief, Inspector Bishop said, "It was definitely an accidental fire which originated from the built-in fire place.

"The space inside and underneath the fire place had been charring for some time. It could have smouldered for hours without the knowledge of anyone in the home."

Inspector Book Issued 76 Permits—14 New Dwelling Houses Constructed—Council Members Have No Definite Idea As To Provincial Police Method Of Policing The Town—Boxing Day A Public Holiday.

During the past year, despite material shortages and labor condition, construction of new buildings in Grimsby proved to be very good according to the report submitted to Town Council on Monday night by Cecil Book, building inspector. His report showed that 76 building permits were issued for a total construction cost of \$125,780, which amount is the largest since before the outbreak of war.

The permits issued were for seven garages; 14 dwelling houses; 10 remodeling jobs; 13 remodeling jobs; 16 additions to buildings and many other items of a minor nature.

Mayor Bull was authorized by council to declare Boxing Day, December 26th, a public holiday.

A bylaw appointing deputy-returning officers, poll clerks and the selection of polling places for the January election was passed.

Mayor Bull and Reeve John Hewitt reported that all hospitalization costs accrued by the town during the year had been paid off.

Mayor Bull asked council if they wished to give publicity to the forthcoming vote on the police by-law. Council believed that the citizens should be given all the information on the question that it was possible to give them. This question brought on a lengthy discussion on police matters but none

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD 24 CALLS DURING YEAR

Loss In The Town \$3,150—In The Township \$6,100—May Get A Pay Raise.

During the year 1947, up to November 30th, fire losses in Grimsby and North Grimsby totalled only \$9,250, according to a report given The Independent by Armand A. Hummel, secretary of the Grimsby Fire Department.

During the year the department answered eight alarms in the town for a total fire loss of \$3,150. Of this amount the Village Inn fire made up practically the whole total the loss there being estimated at \$3,000.

In the township the department attended 16 fires with a total loss of \$6,100. Of this amount the largest loss was \$3,000, that being the destruction of the home and contents of Robert Scott on the Alway Sideroad west of the Woolverton mountain.

An unconfirmed report is to the effect that the Joint Fire and Light Committee of the two municipalities are very well pleased with the work of Fire Chief Alf. LePage and his men and that they will recommend to next year's committee that the pay of the firemen be raised.

## Old Father 1947 Sounds Off With Sound Advice

Old Father 1947 was being excited. He snapped shut his suitcase, straightened up and smoothed down his beard as the bells and whistles began to clamor outside.

"So, you want my advice, do you, son?" he said to the new tenant, a little fellow named Baby 1948. "Not much I can tell you—kinda flopped on the big problems myself. But folks might be a little better off if you passed along this tip from the National Safety Council: Don't drive if you drink! Happy New Year, bud!"

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## FACTS & FANCIES

Frank Fairborn, Jr.

### ST. LUKE, 2; 7-14

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in some mystic way rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-by," there really isn't anything else to say that pulls at our heartstrings as do these old dear words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the little ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth... who lend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want... who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business... who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together... who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax... for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts... most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holiday cheer and friendship... who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourselves, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.

### MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Deaths, injuries and damage to property are caused by fires due to carelessness every Christmas and therefore the public is urged to remember some simple precautions," said Fire Chief Alf LePage, in a statement issued to The Independent.

Chief LePage's list of 13 "don't's" include the following:

Don't strike matches beside the Christmas tree.

Don't strike matches with your thumb nail.

"DON'T LET DEATH TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY—If you drink don't drive, if you drive don't drink."

Don't smoke while decorating the Christmas tree.

Don't place matches within the reach of children.

Don't use strings of lights unless "approved" label is attached.

Don't place the tree near a fireplace or hot electric bulbs.

Don't play the part of an amateur electrician.

Don't permit tissue wrappings to collect around the tree or room.

Don't allow children to use gasoline, alcohol or kerosene-powered toys unless supervised by an adult.

Don't purchase electrical toys unless they bear the "approved" label.

Don't permit the use of anything but safety film in movie projectors.

Don't attend crowded halls with improper exit facilities.

Don't stuff paper into furnaces because of the danger of back drafts.

"If," the Chief said "the above suggestions were rigidly followed, there would be far less suffering and fewer fires at Christmas time."

### DECEMBER

"The silence of December is upon us," The New York Times reveals. "There is no fly-buzz no bee-hum even on the midday air, no insect whir nor rasp when evening comes. The wind may rattle the oak's dry leaves, but the sibilant whisper through full-foliaged trees is a mid-summer memory. The dawn clamor of the crows no longer echoes, nor does the sweet matin song of the robin."

"The owl hoots among the hemlocks on a lonely hillside, and country dwellers may listen to the fine-spun yapping of a fox. But their voices only punctuate the silence, which lies deep in the valleys where frogs, not so long ago, thumped the darkness. Even the streams are muted, their current slowed by frost in the ground at their beginning and ice fringing their quiet pools."

"The woodchuck sleeps. Chipmunks doze in their fluff-lined beds. Gray squirrels go chatterless about their treetop rounds. The silent rabbit even avoids the rustling leaf."

"And, where the cold strikes early and bites deep, the crack of expanding ice and the groan of rocks slowly riven by the silent frost. The waning year does not creak on its hinges."

The germ of a better job is in the job we are doing now.

## NEW LOOK IN RETROSPECT

(By PEARL STRACHAN, in The Christian Science Monitor)

It was in the raucous 'twenties, and the Parsley household had just sustained a violent blow. There was no outward indication of what had happened. The level barberry hedge, the rounded hydrangeas, the striped awnings looked as they always looked on any summer's evening. Tony Banino was mowing the lawn. But no one answered the doorbell when I rang.

Elinor should be at home, anyway. I thought; she's expecting me; probably upstairs. So I went in. The family sat in the dining room looking exceedingly glum. Mr. and Mrs. Parsley said: "Good evening," and asked me to sit down. Twelve-year-old Alice said: "Hello" to me and, turning to her father: "Please, Dad, it's a wonderful bike for the money." He did not seem to hear her, and when I looked at Elinor I guessed the reason why.

Elinor's mound of yellow hair had vanished, and in its place lay a snug little cap of crisp, yellow curls.

"So you went and did it," I said admiringly. "It's pretty."

"Not in their opinion," Elinor replied. "Mother's moaning about all the wasted brushing, and Dad's making a moral issue out of it."

"It really is becoming, Mr. Parsley," I ventured, "and, anyway, if she doesn't like it she can let it grow."

"The trouble is she does like it," Mr. Parsley frothed, "and to think that after all my editorials condemning this hideous, unwomanly fad, my own daughter was seen leaving a barber's shop with all her beautiful hair in a paper bag!" He was standing now and shouting.

"What is it," he demanded, "but another deplorable manifestation of postwar degradation! All the bars are let down. There's no decent restraint, no respect for law and order. Why, the Clamtown Gazette won't keep any woman on the staff who cuts her hair. I gave an order a week ago."

"Jane Hurley's still there; I saw her," Alice chirped in.

"She was the first one," snapped her father, "before I made the ruling. And she has to wear a net."

"I can do the Charleston," Alice announced, turning to me. "Want to see me?" She

## THE GRIMSBY INDEPENDENT

### 'WAY BACK WHEN

Frank Fairborn, Jr.

1893—Last week reference was made to the Kay Electric company. In May a special meeting was called and this company was granted the right to establish an electric light plant provided it was complete and in running order by July 12. Two more special meetings were held in May to make an agreement and sign a contract for four arc and three incandescent lights, but at the June meeting all previous motions were rescinded and an application was received from W. F. Lewis while this again was withdrawn at a special meeting held a week later. At this meeting the Ball Electric Co. of Toronto made application and they made a deal by which the council was to pay \$50 each per year for seven arc lights and \$50 for three incandescent lights to burn from dusk until twelve o'clock, at least 240 nights in the year, and the contract was for three years. But like a whole lot more of the deals Grimsby councils have made at various times the company apparently was dilatory, and the fat boiled over. Months afterwards the company was notified that if the lights were not in working order by a certain time they would be ordered to remove their equipment and the company and council fiddled along until well into 1894 when W. F. Lewis took the plant over; and in the interim the council gave permission to the citizens to use the old oil street lamps provided they looked after them.

An echo of the many hundreds spent in 1921 on the Elm Street bridge comes reverberating back through the years when we read that in August, 1893, the board of works reported that it had built a bridge across the creek on Elm street for \$16.90. That bridge stood for a good many years and the tax rate that year was 18 mills. And even with that low rate the council was able to offer a reward of \$20 for the nabbing of some what would now be called a bird for breaking the arc light on "Vandike's corner"—Depot and John streets.

The H. G. & B. submitted a bylaw for consideration at a special meeting in December, but Groat, Lipsett and Durham voted that the right be not granted. Livingston and Carpenter moved an amendment that the bylaw be read a first time but that was voted down.

1894—Durham, Groat and Lipsett learned at this election that the citizens did not care to stay in the woods any longer than was necessary and because they did not think advancement was the order of the day they were left at home. The council was practically elected on the H. G. & B. ticket and the wisdom of the new council and the electors was well shown in the intervening years. Those sitting at the board for this year were: Reeve Jas. A. Livingston; Councillors V. H. Carpenter, Jas. A. Hewitt, Solomon Wismer and W. W. Kidd. Mr. Brodie had finished his commission for the department of agriculture at the World Fair and was back on the job as clerk in February. At the January meeting the H. G. & B. question came up and the council granted the company the right to run on Main street.

Some history was written this year. Robert M. Griffith, ex-reeve of North Grimsby, died in January and the village council passed a resolution of condolence. And something that might possibly be well worth looking into now was started—a market; a Market and Parks committee was named and in March was granted \$25 to fix up a market (on Elm street). In March the tax collector reported the collection of \$3,456.59 and \$18 outstanding, while at the March meeting the board of works asked for \$905 which amount was to include the building of a six-foot walk on Main street and a new bridge over the creek on Elizabeth street, but the walk and bridge were left out and the board got \$320.

More history is recorded when it was written that J. W. Vandike be paid \$17.67 for tile and labor on the "reservoir"—Grimsby's first "water system." This was the tank built on the side of the hill behind Dr. Millward's and was still in use up to a few years ago. Likewise the first early closing bylaw was passed, but a few of the nighthawks (I wish I dare name them), thought they would lose a penny and finding a technical error in the bylaw had it quashed; but a proper one was drafted and what a horrible tale to tell—the stores had to close at 8 p.m. James does not tell us what the dry spell really was but in October the council paid Wm. Gilmore \$1.50 for keeping the water cart full on the street "during the dry spell."

The denizens of the country to the south of us have a habit of talking much about "liberty," but it has been pretty well shown that many of those who howl the loudest about liberties with other people's liberty, but though perhaps we did not hear so much about liberty in those days yet the howlers were here, and in October a parcel of people most of whom had no children, presented a petition for a bylaw for a Curfew Bell under the provisions of an "act for the prevention of cruelty to children." The bylaw (No. 98) was passed in November, and the town bell was tolled every night at the appointed hour—and the kids beat it for home. Sunday best girls and good horses were also at a discount for Wm. Forbes put in an account for \$10 for "time of two county constables on Sundays, Aug. 12, 19 and 26 on duty on Main road from Grimsby Park and west of village to prevent furious driving." We still have speed cops.



MAIN STREET

Night club—An ash tray with music.

Philosophy—The system of being unhappy intelligently.

Mike Southward loaded down with groceries and taking orders every three feet.

Grimsby Post Office staff are buried under Christmas mail, both outgoing and incoming.

ON A CHRISTMAS MORN A CHILD WAS BORN—Celebrate it sensibly, decently. If you drive don't drink. If you drink don't drive.

It has just leaked out. He left Grimsby known as Clarence W. By the time he hit Winnipeg he was known to the train passengers as Dr. Lewis. Sea sickness was riding the High Iron. Guess who.

Clarence Lewis says that he had the toughest job he ever had while on his recent trip to the Pacific Coast to stop Gordon Hannah from buying the 1500 room Vancouver Hotel. He even offered to trade the Village Inn for it, including Miss Peggy O'Neill. Well, that would have to be, for where the Village Inn goes so goes Peggy.

Too bad, kids. I mean grown-up kids. There just never will be again any more PEANUT BRITTLE. I mean the kind that the Kammacher family were famous for making. George tells me that never again will he ever make candy, not even peanut brittle. So, folks, you might just as well make up your mind that you will have to go buy somebody else's soggy brittle. My false teeth won't take the stuff.

Normie Warner, a student of Jack Newton, and a right smart brick and concrete block layer for Shaver Bros., has a chip on his shoulder for Throckmorton Skyscraper Jarvis. He claims that Throcky could have started the new Main Street block in July instead of December. Must be admitted it's mighty cold work laying brick and concrete blocks in December. But Normie shouldn't worry so much, it means a joint of beef and Yorkshire Pudding on the table.

I understand that a big shake-up is taking place in the officers of the Legion. If the info I get as regards the new set up of officers is a fact, it will be the best thing that has happened the Legion since George Marr served his term as President. Mistakes are mistakes, so let's go ahead and do something. I wouldn't be surprised to see George Marr and me and a lot of other good Legionnaires sitting in the meeting room at the January meeting, providing it is not a Friday night and the Peach Kings are on the warpath.

Gordon Hannah just back from a three week's trip to the Pacific Coast says he never saw so much land in his life as he gazed upon in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Never thought there was so much land in the world. Could put the whole County of Haldimand, including Cayuga, in a farmer's backyard and never know it was there. He claims that there is enough rock in the Rocky Mountains to build all the roads and all the buildings in the world and still have plenty left over to continue to call them the Rocky Mountains. Travel is a great educator.

This seems to be complaint week, and as far as I have dug in the complaints are absolutely justified. First, I have citizens from the west end of the street who revere old St. Andrew's churchyard, while they are not members of that church, who tell me that our school children are using the Churchyard as a short-cut from school. How about this, "Dave," you are living right across there and these kids belong to your governmental body. Next, seven complaints from seven different people. Why, when the snow falls that the Town horse-drawn sidewalk plows never go farther North than the C.N.R. tracks. Is it a case of the kids "the other side of the tracks" can plow their own way? Acting-Chairman of Board of Works Inglehart, what have you to say?

He that can have patience can have what he will.

Thursday, Dec. 18th, 1947.

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tired, and he has presented his vehicle to the local museum.

You can tell a city that has removed the street cars. The cars are now being used for roadside diners. A radio technician says he has picked up a hissing sound coming from outer space. Could it be a minority group operating from Mars?

The spirit of the season prompts me again to express my appreciation of our pleasant relations, both business and fraternal, and to wish to you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Fruitful New Year.

**SAM BARTLETT**

Christmas, 1947.



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## Stuff Round Town



(By GORD MCGREGOR)

Dropped in to see Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor on Saturday night, and they were both going strong entertaining a house full of guests, at the Autotel which has become an institution for Saturday night entertainment. Featuring an atmosphere that is hard to beat in any nite spot, and with a dance floor that rivals any floor in the country, these two charming people, weekly cater to a middle-aged class that appreciate the manner in which the festivities are conducted.

Mrs. Taylor informed us that the seating capacity was around the two hundred and fifty mark, and that even after more than five years of operation they still get capacity crowds every Saturday night, which most certainly is a testimonial hard to beat. Always a big attraction are the floor-shows that the Taylors arrange every once in awhile, and the calibre of the entertainers most generally come up to the standards that reign in this niteroy on No. 8.

Wonder if the Department of Highways have got the snow-ploughs ready yet. So far this year we have only had one fairly heavy snowfall, and you couldn't find a plough no how. They sure are pretty, though, all painted up with yellow and black, which fits the season so nicely when you see them on the highway—namely when the peaches are being plucked.

The maple tree is a sturdy little

fellow, and its leaf is our national emblem. Just how sturdy can a maple tree be was ascertained on Saturday night when a 1947 model car is alleged to have failed to negotiate the turn down by the Park School. Our conclusions as we surveyed things on Sunday is that they are still making sturdy maple trees, but that new cars are a trifle inclined to adopt pleats when met by the sturdy maple. Insurance covers the loss.

A dirty stack was blamed for the fire in the main chimney of the Village Inn last Friday night, which although it did not do any damage to the Inn, did raise temporary havoc with the crowd at the hockey game. Says Fire Chief LeFurge: "It isn't dirty anymore." Neither was the game Chief.

Progress, Beamsville looks resplendent with the latest in street signs. However, if progress is to be made, perhaps they should start from the bottom up. The sewage problem in Beamsville is now getting top billing, and perhaps some definite course of action will take place within the next six months or so. If they ever do start ripping up the streets, sidewalks, etc., those new signs will serve a good purpose as things become somewhat upset. Hmmm.

"Hello, is this Mrs. Georgette McDermid of Winona?"

"Yes."

"This is The Independent calling. May we extend our congratulations for winning the \$210.00 offered by the Beam Theatre for your picture at the Foto-Nite on Thursday night—were you excited?"

"Excited, I'll say I was, I didn't sleep all night."

"Were you home when the Beam called to tell you that you had been selected?"

"No, I was at a party at Fruitland. I sure was excited, just think what this will do coming just before Christmas, and we can use it."

Mrs. McDermid continued to tell us how she had been attending the Foto-Nite every Thursday night for the past three months, or since the time the Foto-Nite was inaugurated. However, her husband's birthday was on Wednesday night of last week, so they took in the show at the Beam, and signed one of the attendance cards, which proved to be the means by which her name was selected.

"We just moved to Winona about a year and a half ago, coming from Rouyn, Quebec." And last Christmas I won a ton of coal from a Legion draw here in Winona. I have never been lucky before, said the lady, her voice bubbling over with excitement even on Friday morning.

"It's going to be a nice Christmas for us and our two little boys."

"Will you be at the Beam next Thursday with your picture," we asked?

"You bet I will, I'm coming to Grimsby to get my picture taken this afternoon."

So that was how Mrs. McDermid took the news of winning two hundred and ten bucks from the Foto-Nite at the Beam. Her number was fifty-two hundred and was submitted by Percy Hodges.

A pie eating contest which saw Dave Mountain and Marg Eggleton declared winners over Normie Warner and his wife, Jerry McGregor and his spouse, and portly Dan Crown who was fed by Mrs. Loyal Leidens.

Hart Cox took over the master of ceremonies job for the night, and so after twelve weeks another winner was declared, and offered a very nice sum for her photo. "Bud" Elmer was the first winner of Foto-Nite, a feature at the Beam which is packing them in every Wednesday and Thursday.

### THE STORY OF A PACK OF CARDS

This is a story about an English soldier stationed in the barracks in England. It is part of every soldier's kit that he include a Bible.

Now, one morning during kit inspection, the sergeant discovered that this particular soldier did not have a Bible in his possession but instead, had only a pack of cards. Consequently, he was arrested and a few days later brought to trial.

The Colonel presiding asked him if he had anything to say in his own defense, and, taking a pack of cards from his pocket, he laid them on the O.C.'s bench, and said: "Yes, sir, I have. This pack of cards is my Bible, my prayerbook and my almanac. Perhaps to you and this Court that might appear sacrilegious, but it's purpose to me is the exact opposite. It represents everything that is holy."

The 52 cards in the deck tell me there are 52 weeks in the year, and therefore, 52 Sunday's in which to go to Church. In the faces of the 52 cards, there are 365 spots reminding me of the number of days in the year. The four suits in the deck tell me of the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; the 13 cards in each suit picture for me the Last Supper, at which 13 attended The Ace reminds me there is but One God; the deuce or two, of Adam and Eve; the tres or three, of the Holy Trinity; the four, of the four major Prophets; the five, of the five wise and five foolish virgins; the six, of the six days in which the world was created; the seven, of the seventh

day of the week—Sunday; the eight, of the eight good people saved from the sod; the nine, of the nine Lepers leaved by the Lord; the ten of the Ten Commandments; the Jack, of Knave, of Judas the betrayer; the Queen, of the Virgin Mary; and the King, of his Majesty King George, whom I will proudly and courageously serve as long as I am able."

The Colonel looked at the soldier for a moment, then in a kindly voice said: "Case dismissed"

### DERMATITIS

Organic soents which may attack through inhalation of their vapours, or through absorption when long in contact with the skin, are sold by the Department of National Health and Welfare as dangerous substances. The department has used a warning to workers handling such solvents to take common-sense precautions, since they are capable of causing dermatitis—too common an industrial disease.

### EX-ICE PRESIDENT HAS WORD FOR IT!



"Stop worrying. And the way to stop worrying is to forget all your troubles. They don't amount to anything anyway." That is the philosophy of this placid man who sits in the sun shucking pecan nuts in the backyard of his Tennessee home. He is John Nance Garner, vice-president of the United States, for two terms under F. D. Roosevelt. Today I'll talk about anything—except politics. When he quit politics in 1941, he said he was through. He has kept his word.

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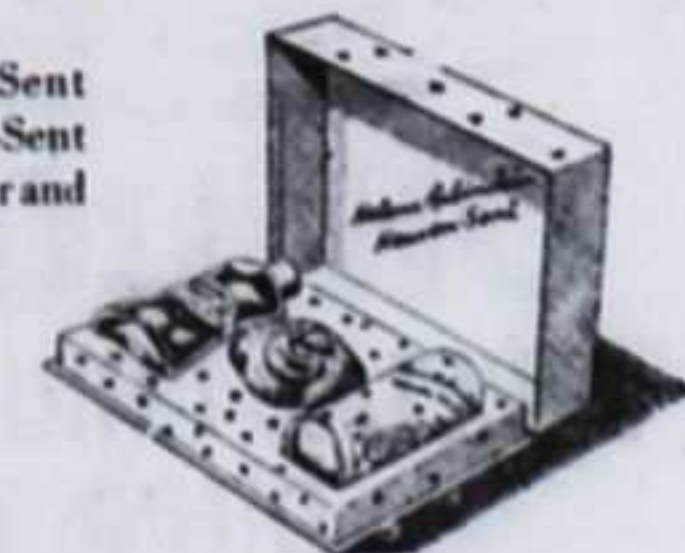
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## THE SHIRTWAIST COSTUME



By ALICE ALDEN  
The shirtwaist frock, when it is expertly handled, fits beautifully into the evening scene especially when it is handled by Hattie Carnegie who just dotes on this costume. In fact, she introduced it into the aura of bright lights. Following the trend of the season, this dress has a tremendous skirt of charcoal black pure silk satin handsomely decorated with tufted scrolls. The shirtwaist top is of pink satin.



Hello Homemakers! Christmas may spell C-a-n-d-y for the first time in years. Because sugar is no longer rationed, we will want to try our hand again with confections made at home. The children are elated to, and want to help but they need a few instructions. So here is what to tell them.

Use a two-quart or three-quart deep pan. Any kind of pan can be used, but the candy will not stick as readily in a heavy metal pan. Since candy thermometers may not be available, the way to recognize the different stages is the cold water test. Place a few drops of syrup into very cold water. When the syrup is cooled by the water, it thickens and can be formed into a soft, or firm, or hard ball.

Use a small amny candy. Or syrup to prevent syrup, 1/2 cup cream of cups sugar. juice to 2 stir candy while boiling. Do not contain brown sugar or unlesnes—even then scrape back and forth across the pan and down the slides.

Let candy mixture cool before beating. (Do not cool candy in cold water).

substituting cocoa for chocolate. In substituting cocoa and late, use 3 tns butter instead of 1 2-3 tablespoons.

**BRITTLE**  
PEANUTS cups peanuts.  
2 cups sugar; remove skin

1. Shell pear with damp cloth, frying pan; stir constantly and do not darkens. pour over nuts  
2. When melted, mark in on platter (notdualy); mark in 4. Cool grolling.  
squares MAPLE CREAM  
cups light brown sugar, 1  
thep. corn syrup, 2-3 cup milk.  
2 theps. butter, 1/2 cup nuts  
(chopped), 1/2 tsp. vanilla.

1. Put sugar, syrup, milk and butter into a saucepan; heat gently, stirring until sugar is dissolved.  
2. Boil without stirring to soft stage.  
3. Remove from heat; cool gradu-

ally.  
4. Beat until creamy. Add nuts and vanilla; pour into buttered pan. Mark into squares before it hardens.

**TURKISH DELIGHT**  
2 envelopes gelatine, 1/2 cup cold water, 4 cups sugar, 1 lemon grated, rind and juice, 1 orange grated, rind and juice.

1. Soak gelatine in cold water.  
2. Put sugar and boiling water in pan and stir until dissolved.  
3. Boil 20 minutes. Pour syrup on gelatine.

4. Add rinds and juice.  
5. Rinse clean cake tin in cold water.

6. Pour mixture in pan and let stand overnight. Cut in squares and roll in icing sugar.

**CHOCOLATE FUDGE**

1 cup white sugar, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup corn syrup, 1/2 cup sweet milk, 1/4 cup melted butter, 1/4 cup cocoa.

Boil ingredients for 10 minutes. then begin to test for soft-ball stage. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Beat until creamy. Pour in buttered pan. Mark.

**THE SUGGESTION BOX**  
Mrs. G. M. says: when you make an old-fashioned boiled sweet pudding, it is wise to use a heavy cotton cloth, and always scald it, wring out and dredge with flour before the batter is put into it.

Mrs. T. E. says: Let steamed pudding cool thoroughly, uncovered before storing in a cool place. For serving, cover, re-steam about 1 hour.

Mrs. S. W. suggests: Grape juice sauce—Blend 1 1/2 theps. cornstarch with 2 theps. cold water and stir into 1 1/2 cups hot grape juice. Add 1/4 cup sugar and 1 thep. lemon juice. Cook about 10 minutes.

Mrs. F. J. says: When you cut vegetables in even-sized pieces the food tastes better; cut in small sections the food cooks more quickly and this method saves electricity.

Anne Allan invites you to write to her c-o The Grimsby Independent, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. Send in your suggestions on home-

making problems and watch this column for replies.

Mrs. A. W. asks: Recipe for Spiced Tongue.

**Answer:**  
**Spiced Tongue**  
1 beef tongue, dash of all-spice, 1/2 tsp. cloves, 1 tsp. chopped thyme, 1 tsp. chopped marjoram, dash of salt and pepper, 3 theps. lemon juice.  
Cover tongue with boiling water. Add spices and lemon juice. Simmer gently about 3 hours, or until tongue is tender. Remove skin and roots before serving.

Mrs. N. C. asks ice cream recipe using cereal cream and coffee.

**Answer:**

## THREE IN FOUR LIVE UPSTAIRS IN NEW YORK

Where do New Yorkers live? Upstairs mostly. Seventy-four percent of the city's 2,277,828 families are apartment dwellers in 7,062 elevator apartment houses and 133,207 walk-ups. The remaining 26 per cent. lead a somewhat more expansive life in 447,248 one and two-family houses, 500 of which are old frame cottages that somehow managed to survive the city's beanstalk growth.

There are three members in the average New York family, and they live in four rooms—a smaller space than most families in other cities occupy. Some part of the city's restlessness and air of transience may have its origin in the fact that most families—1,724,776, or about 76 per cent. —are tenants, currently worried about rents and leases, while a scant 323,143 are home owners. Trapped by the present housing shortage are an additional 165,400 families living doubled up, mostly young couples unwillingly camped with their in-laws.

Although the geographical snobishness of the "good address" has wilted considerably in the heat of the housing hunt, New Yorkers in the top income bracket still live mostly in the Manhattan area bounded by Ninety-eighth and Sixty-third Streets and Third Avenue and Central Park West, where some 8,000 residents pay the city's highest rents and maintain New York's plushiest town houses. The poor are everywhere in whatever quarters they can get, from 140,841 tenements to fourteen low-cost housing projects with 17,047 families. And in 193,000 of their homes there are no bathrooms.

## BERLIN'S FIRST SONG COMPOSED IN SALOON

Irving Berlin, son of a rabbi and born to the world as Izzy Baline, took a New York Sun reporter on a tour of the lower East Side of the metropolis, and, pointed at a tenement old building at 12 Peel St. Once it was Nigger Mike's Pelham Cafe "and," said Berlin, "I worked right in there 40 years ago." He went on:

"Right in there, I wrote my first song, 'Marie of Sunny Italy,' on a small table. I did all right working for Nigger Mike. I used to come to work at 6 p.m. and stay on until 6 a.m. I was paid \$7 a week and did pretty good in passing the hat. I sang all the popular stuff, a lot of George M. Cohan. Some nights I'd take in \$7, and that was terrific. Mike used to get 5 cents for beer, 10 cents for whisky and gin. He didn't sell any food. He was a Russian Jew—very tough and liberal. Spent his money as he got it. They called him Nigger Mike because of his dark complexion. I was very happy here, but I finally got bounced for falling asleep behind the bar. Then I went to work for Jimmy Kelly in 14th St. That was about 1908.

"Fourteenth street was very swell for me. I was quite a big shot there. I was an entertainer for about a year and then I went uptown and before long I was writing songs with a drawing account of \$25 a week. I'd really had an easy time as a kid, honest. My struggles didn't actually begin until after I'd written 'Alexander's Ragtime Band.' It's been a struggle ever since to keep success going.

"And isn't it funny about 'Alexander'? Emma Carus first sang it in Chicago and George Cohan had it introduced in New York at the Friars Frolic in 1911. I've heard it arranged every possible way, but it has somehow kept its freshness. And it's now thirty five years old."

Berlin said that although, as a child, there had been eight or more in the family, sleeping in four rooms, he was never cold or hungry. "There was always bread and butter and hot tea." And he added: "I slept better in tenements and in lodging houses at 15 cents a night than I do now in a nice bed."

**WORK AND THRIVE**  
To be healthy and happy, people must be fully occupied. The Department of National Health and Welfare emphasizes this fact in urging everyone to take up hobbies to occupy their spare time, if their normal work does not absorb them entirely. "Man may still, in rare instances, earn his daily bread by the sweat of his brow, but actually only a small percentage of people use their full physical and mental capacities in their daily labour," says a departmental bulletin.



## "Green Trees" GIFT HOUSE

Are putting out some very attractive gifts for Christmas at reduced prices. We intended to follow the usual merchandising way of clearing odd lines in a January Clearance Sale. Instead of that, we felt it might be nice to have a pre-Christmas Clearance Sale and give our Customers a chance to pick up last minute gifts at greatly reduced prices.

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Kleenex Dispenser  
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Cigar Lighters.

Firestone and Dominion Tires and Tubes

Car and Truck Chains

Firekrome Kitchen Furniture

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Thursday, Dec. 18th, 1947.

THE GRIMSBY INDEPENDENT

# ANNOUNCEMENT

The members of the Medical Association of West Lincoln have adopted unanimously the following schedule of fees as laid down by the Ontario Medical Association, effective January 1st, 1948.

Office consultation.....\$2.00 and up, medicine extra  
Office consultation, recheck only, dressings or medication.....\$1.50 and up  
House call.....\$3.00 and up  
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—Blue Grass, 1.50 and 4.25.  
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## Strictly Canadian by Claire Wallace

Christmas comes but once a year and when it comes, it brings good cheer—also lots of etiquette problems. Frontletters received, one of the main sticklers seems to be how to sign a Christmas card correctly. Let's clear that up now and help everybody have a happy Christmas.

Signing the Christmas card is one of the many occasions on which our etiquette differs from that of the United States. In that country, where they do many things well and some things more informally than we do, they go quite formal on this one, advocating, as most correct, the form: "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." In other words they precede the message.

In Canada, we prefer the message first and the names engraved below, as follows: "Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Mr. and Mrs. John Doe." When Christmas cards are engraved, the same form is used as on a calling card—"Mr. and Mrs. John Doe."

For the hundreds who send out engraved Christmas cards, there are thousands of Canadians who dispatch printed ones, with the name printed, too, in which case it takes the same form as the engraved card with "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe" printed after the message.

Where printed or engraved signatures are used, it is friendly to open a stroke through the full name when sending the card to an intimate friend or relative and sign underneath, "John and Mary" or "Mary and John." Again that's when couples run into difficulties with Christmas cards—they don't know whose name should be signed first! Well, it doesn't really matter, if you are using first names only. Usually, the person who signs the card, modestly places his or her name last.

For the hundreds who send engraved Christmas cards and the thousands who send printed ones, there are millions of Canadians who buy Christmas cards printed with a cheery message, informally sign them by hand and send them off with just as many good wishes. To relatives and close friends—when there is no doubt the recipient knows you very well—the card may be signed with first names only. Who signs first?—see the foregoing paragraph.

In sending to other friends and acquaintances, it is safer, and more polite, too, to sign the full name, either "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe" or "Mary and John Doe."

If children's names are included on a Christmas card father's name should always come first: "John and Mary and Baby Helen." It is a harmless mistake, but nevertheless a mistake, to sign a card "Mary and John and Baby Helen" ... thus squashing poor pop in the middle.

There are other correct, and informal, ways of signing for the whole family on a Christmas card. It may be done this way: "The Does—John, Mary, Betty and George" or "The John Does—four of us."

When a parent and grown-up son or daughter are sending a card together, whether engraved, printed or written, the name of the parent appears on one line and the name of the child on the line below.

Here's how to address a Christmas card when sending it to a whole family, you may write: "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe and Family" on the envelope or, more correctly, address the envelope, "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe," and include the family in the message on the card, writing, "Love to the family, too," or "Best wishes to all of you from all of us."

Should a card be sent to a business acquaintance who is only known to one member of the family it is only necessary for that one person to sign the card. If a card is being sent to a social acquaintance, however, even though known to only husband or wife, names of both husband and wife should be included in the signature.

People who like to use colored ink may have a field day at Christmas as this is one time of the year when red, green, orange or brown inks may be used and not considered in bad taste.

Whether or not to send a Christmas card to someone in mourning, often puzzles. It is quite all right to do so. Of course, it would be in bad taste to send an exuberant card of best wishes for happiness, but it would be equally inexcusable to go to the other extreme and send a card that suggested death. Friends in sorrow like to be remembered as well as anyone, perhaps more. It is always possible to find an appropriate card for them, one gentle in sentiment that would be most appreciated.

I hope this has been helpful. Good luck in sending your cards, and a Merry Christmas to all of you.

Sorry, no space for questions and answers this week. Readers are invited to write Claire Wallace about their Etiquette problems. Address: Claire Wallace, care The Grimsby Independent, Grimsby, Ontario, Canada. Replies will appear in this column.

### FASCINATING SCARF STOLE



By PRUNELLA WOOD

Those wonderful three-yard long stole scarfs of Brooke Adwallader design are more fascinating than the old time crocheted "fascinator" of your grandma's days ... They are more talented, too. For the long, narrow lengths of brightly printed silk can be bowed or swathed about the neck as well as over the coiffure, as many manners as the wearer has ingenuity to devise.

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Salmon, Cohoe .....55c lb.  
Fillet of Sole .....30c lb.  
Fillet of Cod .....35c lb.

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Heinz Baby Foods .....3 for 23c  
Blue and Gold Peas .....21c tin  
Heinz Ketchup .....25c bottle  
Leland Old Fashion Style  
Pickles .....27c jar  
Stokeley's Cranberry Sauce .....35c tin  
Silver Crest Wet Pack Shrimps .....55c tin  
Holly Hill Blended Juice .....2 for 25c  
Mincement .....23c lb.

Alymer Choice Pumpkin .....15c tin  
Alymer Green Pea and Celery  
Soup .....2 tins 15c

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7 MAIN W.

MEN'S WEAR

PHONE 42-W

## CONTINUATIONS

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### TOWN COUNCIL

of the council members had any clear or definite idea as to just what the costs of Provincial Police system of policing the town would be nor was any member fully informed as to what actual duties the Provincial Police would or would not perform.

Clerk G. G. Bourne was instructed to write to Councilor and Mrs. Mitchell of North Grimsby extending sympathy over the illness of Mr. Mitchell and also to Clerk Thos. W. Allan of North Grimsby, who is also confined to his bed with illness.

At a special meeting of the Town Council, it has been learned, Council approved the tender of the Ontario Construction Company Ltd. for alterations to the local sewage disposal plant.

Amount of the tender is reported to have been \$76,758 to which, a town official said, will have to be added some \$40,000 for pumps, necessary new equipment and engineering fees, bringing the total, according to this informant close to \$120,000, a figure almost double the \$60,000 previously mentioned in council discussions.

Approval of the Ontario Municipal Board must be secured in the matter of issuing debentures to finance the project.

### LIONS CLUB

ting the call. A feature of the night was the appearance of Donald Kennedy, formerly of Toronto, and who is now the organist at Trinity United. Mr. Kennedy held the rapt attention of the Lions as he played excerpts from George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and for an encore he played the brief but brilliant work "March Wind", but an American composer, Mr. Kennedy stated "died shortly from insanity after writing this composition." It was brilliantly played by this young musician. Following these two works, Lion Cecil Bell asked that Mr. Kennedy play another American classic, which could be termed as one of the lighter classics. Mr. Kennedy declined, and the brilliant composition was finally portrayed by Lion Bill Mitchell and Cecil Bell. Arranged for piano and baritone (?) the Lions were treated to the piece de resistance, known officially as "The Two Fat Polkas," or as the layman has come to know it, "She's Too Fat For Me." With the exception of a slight re-arranging of the words, the composition was destroyed beautifully.

Five turkeys were raffled off during the evening, and the following were recipients of the traditional Christmas fowl. Lions Bill Mitchell, Bert Constable, Col. Chetwynd, Bob Eaton, Harold Matchett.

Three new members were introduced by their sponsors. Lion Carm Millyard introduced Dr. Don Copeland who has established himself here, and has opened a dentistry practice. Lion Bob Bourne introduced Jack McCausland who is associated with the real estate, and builders' supplies business. Davy Thomson also introduced a new member in the person of Doug Hartnett.

The Grimsby Club is losing one of its most ardent supporters in the person of Bob Eaton. Lion Eaton is moving to Tilbury where he will manage a new branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce which is opening at this growing town.

Lion Carm Millyard expressed the feelings of the Club as he presented Lion Eaton with a little memento of his stay in Grimsby, and as an expression of gratitude for

the energetic fashion with which the departing member has worked with the Grimsby Lions. Lion Eaton responded with a brief but sincere expression of gratitude, and told the assembly that his four years in Grimsby had been the most fruitful years of his life, and that his connection with the Grimsby Lions has been at all times a distinct pleasure and honour.

Lion Chief Crich again called on the guest artist, Don Kennedy who chose for his final portrayal, Chopin's masterful Military Polonaise.

In closing the most entertaining evening the President announced that Ladies' Night will be held on February 3rd, and the speaker will be Mr. R. French of Hamilton.

Lion Chief Crich also made it known that the Grimsby Club will be the sponsors of the spring zone meeting which is to be held on the 26th of April at the Hotel Henley, St. Catharines. Wilson Woodside, a noted Canadian news commentator on international affairs, will be the speaker.

It was with regret that Lion Cecil Bell made it known that Group Captain H. R. Dowie had handed in his resignation as Scoutmaster of the 1st Grimsby Beach Troop of Boy Scouts, and Lion Bell made a plea for any member interested in Scouting to take over this most important task. The meeting came to a close with the singing of the Maple Leaf.

### In Memoriam

COATE—In fond remembrance of our dear Dad, H. Coate, who was called home one year ago Dec. 19th, 1946.

One year has passed since that dark day.

When fell the bitter blow,  
I lost the dearest dad on earth,  
Oh, why did he have to go?  
I miss him more and more each day.

And my grief is still as deep,  
As the day he closed his weary eyes.

In that long eternal sleep,  
We are parted, dear Dad, but just for awhile.

You walk in the shadows no more,  
Around you the sunbeams of glory now smile.

God's lamb is the light of that shore,  
Some day we will meet in the city above.

Together we'll look on his face,  
There, safe in the arms of the Jesus we love.

Together we'll sing, saved by grace.

— Lovingly remembered always by daughter and son-in-law, Amelia and Mike.

### DENTAL CHECK-UP

Use of holiday time for the semi-annual dental check-up is urged by authorities at Ottawa. Regular oral examinations at this season, and again in another few months, when there will be more holidays—at least for the children, will ensure against dangers to health and comfort. Experts remind Canadians that early detection is important for successful treatment to save teeth.

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND — THE —

### I.O.D.E. CHRISTMAS DANCE

— IN —

COMMUNITY HALL,  
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December 26th

Modern Music By  
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Prizes — Refreshments

75c PER PERSON  
Dress Optional

### Trinity S.S.

Sunday, December 14th, was White Gift Sunday at the Trinity United Sunday School. Many lovely gifts were brought to be sent to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto.

The attendance was 195, the all time high.

With a decorated Christmas tree and the singing of Carols the spirit of Christmas was felt throughout the service.

### St. John's L. A.

The Ladies' Aid of St. John's Presbyterian Church has a Penny Club which believes that extra results are gained when a spirit of competition is aroused, such as was carried out last Thursday evening at a supper given by the loving team of the Penny Club.

The Club was divided into two teams in its work of raising funds for the church, and the losing team was given the privilege of entertaining the winners, who worked so hard to raise the largest amount for the Ladies' Aid Fund.

The winners and losers were asked to make a ridiculous hat during the year, this to be worn at the banquet, with three guests judging said hats during the supper hour.

As good sports the women appeared with miniature gardens on their heads, and an array of kitchen gadgets, a Red Cross centre, and a laundry were conspicuous among their concoctions.

Several members took part in an impromptu program which occupied the evening.

The judges of the millinery exhibition were Mrs. G. Mogg, Miss Katie Pyndyk and Mrs. F. Burton, the decision going to Mrs. N. McIntyre, who wore the kitchen sink and the utility drawer on her head.

### Women's Institute

The Christmas party of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Sutherland, Robinson St. S., on Tuesday evening.

Members answered the roll call by giving a comic reading or a poem. Especially interesting were the contributions of Mrs. Wm. Layton, Mrs. G. G. Graham, Mrs. L. Larsen, Mrs. Ransom, Mrs. W. Bartlett and Mrs. T. Murphy.

A cheque is to be forwarded to St. Catharines Sanatorium for the yearly upkeep of the Women's In-

stitute room. Incidentally, this is one of the nicest rooms there.

Plans were made to have a bridge and euchre party early in January.

The president, Mrs. Layton, reported a most successful sale of boxed Christmas cards.

Mrs. L. Larsen and Mrs. F. J. Burton were appointed captains of a penny collection for the next six months. Each was given a list of members to bring pennies to each meeting.

Mrs. Layton was appointed to attend a course in "Salads the Year Round" to be held in St. Catharines in March.

Mrs. Layton expressed the thanks of the Branch to Mrs. Sutherland for an enjoyable Christmas meeting at her home.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Leiden and her committee at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wilson Ransom, Robinson South.

### Vinemount News

A Carol and Candle Light Service will be held in St. John's Anglican Church, Tapscott, on Sunday, December 21st. A Grace thirty-five voices from Grace Church, Hamilton, will be in of the service.

Friends and neighbours take this opportunity of extending and heart felt sympathy to Mr. Mrs. Dennis Shuker, former, formel Sturch, of Stoney Creek loss of their baby son, Sunday, 7th.

Mr. Wm. Sturch, the grandfather of Mrs. Shuker, has been months health for the past few years and we are very sorry to condition has not improved.

### ANGER OF SPEED

The cockpits of airplanes designed to travel at supersonic speeds of over 750 miles an hour probably will of necessity be refrigerated. The heat generated by friction on a plane's surface is intense — more than required for boiling water. It is also impossible to "bail out" at these high speeds, which suggests that pilots will need special protection. The airblast to a "naked" pilot at 750 miles an hour would burst lungs, and possibly break arms and legs.

Job had patience but, of course, he never tried to locate a plumber to do a small job.

A small town is the one where they haven't a problem by having too many honky tonks.

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# Social Events — Personals — Organizations — Club Activities

Mrs. J. A. Jacklin has returned from Brantford, having spent two weeks with relatives there.

We regret to report that William H. VanDuser, Ridge Road west, is confined to his home with illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Neil M. Leckie left last Thursday for a six weeks holiday trip to various points in the United States.

Miss Philippa Thompson arrives home Saturday from Royal Victoria College, McGill University, for the Christmas vacation.

On Wednesday last, Mrs. N. J. Rozinski and Mrs. Gould of Toronto, spent a pleasant day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gayowski.

Miss Jeannine Nelles will be home on Saturday from Toronto University to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nelles.

The many friends of Mrs. F. E. Russ, Main east, who has been confined to her bed for the past month, will be pleased to learn that she is progressing nicely at her home.

## GOSPEL HALL

Adelaide St., Grimsby

### LORD'S DAY

Breaking of Bread - 11 a.m.  
Gospel Meeting - 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

Prayer Meeting and Bible Reading, 8 p.m.

— All Welcome —

## St. John's Church Presbyterian

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 13th

11.00 a.m.—Rev. Herbert J. Scott, Interim Moderator.

## St. Andrew's Church

(Diocese of Niagara)

Rector: Rev'd E. A. Brooks, M.A., Tel. 549.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st  
4 Advent (St. Thomas' Day)

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
7.00 p.m.—Nativity Prayer  
"The Adoration of the Shepherds and Kings"  
Christmas Eve  
11.15 p.m.—Carols and Eucharist  
Midnight  
Christmas Day  
10.00 a.m.—Family Service  
Dec. 26th, St. Stephen's Day  
9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

## Irish Linen Gives Yuletide Glamour



A HOLIDAY table, traditional in every detail—turkey, Christmas tree decoration and, of course, a beautiful Irish linen cloth in a damask pattern of over-size roses. The tree is placed on a frosted mirror lake and lighted with long tapered candles through the branches into a holder at the base. The trimmings are strings of vari-colored jelly beans and popcorn.

## Eastern Star

The Annual Christmas party of Grimsby Chapter 195, O.E.S. was held in the Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, December 15th. Members and their families enjoyed a bountiful Pot Luck Supper followed by carol singing with Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh at the piano.

A grand march for the children, supervised by Mrs. Arthur Clark, led them to the beautifully lighted tree where all received a surprise package.

The Lucky Draw on the Christmas cake was won by Miss Verna Lewis.

## Grimsby Bible Society

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."—Isaiah 9: 6 and 7.

Only as men and nations follow the teachings of The Prince of Peace as set forth in The Bible can there be established "on earth peace, good will toward men."

A CHRISTMAS OFFERING through your local Branch will help the BIBLE SOCIETY proclaim the Gospel of Peace. R. D. Colpitts is the Treasurer of Grimsby Branch.

## Trinity W.M.S.

With Mrs. E. H. Burgess presiding, the monthly meeting of Trinity Missionary Society was held last Thursday in Trinity Hall. Mrs. Burgess conducted the worship service.

A lovely candle lighting ceremony, arranged by Mrs. Laura Wells, was held, with Mesdames E. H. Burgess, James Theal, Mary Caton, W. Pinder, Sheffield, Harry Rosebrough, H. G. Harper and Brock Snyder taking part. Mrs. J. J. H. Taylor was accompanist at the piano for the singing of carols during the ceremony.

Mrs. A. L. Griffith added to the pleasure of the meeting in her story of how the Hawaiians received the Bible.

From Mrs. Claude Boden, the acting supply convener, the information was received that a further

## Baptist L.A.

Mrs. Stanley Globe has returned home from Sault Ste. Marie, where she was called by the death of her father, the late C. R. Parker.

Mrs. Charles Wade of Kapuskasing, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Bruce Geddes, will return home on Sunday. She will be accompanied by her father, Mr. W. F. Geddes who will spend the winter with her.

Wally Kranevic, a student at St. Michael's College, Toronto, was a guest over the weekend of December 5th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gayowski. Their sons, Ted and Walter, also students at St. Mike's, were home over the weekend.

Due to the hectic time Miss Peggy O'Neill has had up around the Inn, it is an impossibility for her to arrange for her customary Pre-Christmas Eve Party. This has always been a tradition with the hostess of the Inn, but what with fires and all sorts of delays, the event is being dropped from this year's roster.

## GOLDEN WEDDING

Next Monday, December 22nd, Charles L. and Mrs. Pottruff, 26 Murray Street, will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. Mrs. Pottruff was the former Anna Lillian Whaley, and the wedding ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in Ancaster Township, with Rev. E. J. Clark, of the Ancaster Methodist Circuit, officiating.

The union was blessed with four children, two now deceased. A son occupies his parents' home farm in Ancaster, and a daughter, Mrs. Lyle Merritt (Lella), lives in South Grimsby. There are twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pottruff followed the occupation of farming in North Grimsby for a total of twenty-six years. In between they returned to Ancaster where they farmed for twenty years. Three years ago they retired, and came to live in Grimsby.

The Pottruff family stems from three Pennsylvania-Dutch brothers who came to Upper Canada following the American Revolution. One brother, Simeon, Mr. Pottruff's grandfather, settled at Mount Albion, where the farm he cleared, "Maple Grove," is still held by a Pottruff.

Simeon married Elizabeth Stewart, who had come to Grimsby (The Forty, as it was then) from Ireland as a small child in 1796. She grew up in the home of Col. Robert Nelles, whose family had taken a great liking to the little Irish girl. Elizabeth had older sisters settled with their husbands and families in Saltfleet Township, and so that she might visit them frequently, her kind benefactors gave her a horse and saddle. It was on one of these visits that she met her future husband.

A unique feature of next Monday's festivities is that three of Mr. Pottruff's brothers, all of whom have passed their 50th wedding anniversaries, will be among the guests to sit down to dinner with the host and hostess during the noon hour. They are James, of Morden, Manitoba, (who will celebrate his Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 23rd); Archie, of Ancaster, 55 years married; and John, also of Ancaster, 55 years married.

Mr. and Mrs. Pottruff will be at home to friends from three to five on Tuesday afternoon.

## Baptist M.C.

Mrs. C. H. Walker, Kingsway Blvd., was hostess for the December meeting of the Women's Mission Circle of the Grimsby Baptist Church. In the absence of the President, Mrs. G. A. McLean, Mrs. Geo. Cross, Vice-President, presided. The programme took the form of a watchtower survey of Christmas in several of the Baptist mission fields.

Mesdames M. I. Morris, F. Simpson, W. J. Bengough, R. J. Moyer, Jack Morris took part in this outlook.

A large attendance was recorded and the report of the half year financial statement was quite satisfactory.

Until rations in India are adequate for the health and support of the Missionaries it was decided to co-operate with Foreign Mission Board in sending food parcels there every 3 months.

At the conclusion of the meeting the hostess served lunch assisted by Mrs. F. Simpson, Mrs. J. Morris and Mrs. K. Bratton.

## Legion Auxiliary

At the December meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Grimsby branch Canadian Legion, the following officers for 1948 were elected: Mrs. George Warner, past president; Mrs. Robert Walters, president; Mrs. Charles Mason and Mrs. Norman Warner, vice-presidents; Mrs. Douglas Scott, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Larsen, secretary. Mrs. R. A. Maeder was made convener of the social committee.

For the next two weeks citizens are asked to donate jars of jams and jellies for the patients in West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. For this purpose hampers have been placed in the windows of two Main Street stores.

## BEAVER CLUB

The Beaver Club of St. John's Presbyterian Church held their Annual Christmas Party on Monday evening, December 15th. Approximately 60 members and guests attended the party. A delightful supper was served at 6.30 o'clock, followed by a sing song and gifts from the Christmas tree. Games and a social time was enjoyed the balance of the evening.

shipment of children's knitted garments had been sent to the China Relief Depot in Toronto.

With the election of officers to take place at the January meeting, Mrs. Caton moved that Mrs. Laura Wells, Mrs. James Theal and Mrs. Brock Snyder be a nominating committee.

## FARM FORUM NEWS

THE WOOLVERTON AND RIDGE ROAD FARM FORUM

The last meeting for 1947 of the forum was held at the home of Mr. A. Etherington with a good attendance. The topic was "Organizing for Community Action." Walter Gibson and Bill Morison were secretaries for the evening and Mr. Alvin Etherington was discussion

leader. The forum would like to begin arousing community interest in sports by preparing an outside skating rink for this winter.

The forum and friends gave Mr. Robert Scott a household shower last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bowlaugh. Mr. Scott's new home is nearly completed.

The date and place of our next meeting has not yet been decided as there are to be no more meetings until after the New Year.

## Births

MILNE—At Belleville Hospital on Tuesday, December 9th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Milne of Frankford, formerly of Grimsby, a son.



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# SPORTS

## PEACH KINGS WILL PLAY "B"

Following an executive meeting of the Peach King Hockey Club held on the weekend, the following statement was issued to The Independent by Coach McVicar:

"We have decided to enter the team as an intermediate "B" entry, rather than go "A" as was under consideration by the executive."

A further analysis of the set-up for this fast approaching season can be outlined only after the various entries from the district meet which convene Dinty Moore, and

the final stage will be set. Come what may, the Peach Kings will have more than enough competition this year, and what the future holds for a great many questions can only be answered as time marches on.

The Kings held a gruelling scrimmage over the weekend, and should be getting in some semblance of peak condition for the season that lies ahead, and for the game coming up this Friday against Markham, last year's runners-up. This game is a "natural" and should see the arena well filled for the first time this season.

## PEACH KINGS BEGIN TO LOOK LIKE A HOCKEY TEAM

The Peach Kings hit the deck for the second time on Friday night, and showed a lot of improvement as they skated the Dunnville Mudcats right into the ice, winning their first game by a five goal margin. Strangely enough the game was reminiscent of the previous week, when Port Dalhousie held the whip over the Kings. This time it was the Kings who had the edge on conditioning and practice, and we most definitely would not judge the Cats' team on their performance here on Friday.

Aub Smith, the prexy of the Dunnville team told that his boys had had only three practices in Port Colborne, and these at the rate of one a week. We look for a good strong team from Dunnville, and the Grimsby-Dunnville games will this year be a drawing card as they always have been in the past.

Outside of the victory that the Kings chalked up, the probable highlight of the night was the appearance of Pud Reid and Normie Warner back in the red and white garb of the Kings. No one can deny the fact that these two boys go a long way in making the Kings a contender for a repeat performance for the Intermediate crown. Now that these two have had a fling at the so-called "Big Time," they are welcomed back here with open arms, both by the executive and fans alike.

Pop McVicar wasted no time on Friday night in giving the fans their first look at Warner and Reid. And his starting line consisting of these two, with Wonkie Mattison, created a lot of interest up on the forward line, and Reid looked pretty fair at centre ice, a spot which McVicar admits is a weak spot at the present time.

The Kings picked up five goals in the opening chucker, bunching them in three groups. Reid from Duffield at 7:22, Mush Miller from Hale at 11:35, Knight from Hale again at the 13:40 mark, and finally Mattison scored unassisted at the

19:10 mark, and Dunham was beat again with seconds to go in the period when Buckley took Warner's pass to bulge the twine. Dunnville picked up one goal, this from a kid by the name of Spittal, Jamieson drawing an assist.

Dunnville shoved another goaltender into the fray in the second period, but he was beaten three times as the Kings were not to be denied. The locals still appeared ragged in spots, particularly in the passing department, and around the enemy nets, however, Mattison got his second counter on a pass from Miller at the 4:45 mark. Jackson and Kent teamed up for the seventh King tally at the three-quarter mark of the period, and Bianchard took Duffield's pass late in the period to give the Kings a five goal lead, as Dunnville countered with two goals from the sticks of Tommy Long and Jamieson. Incidentally, this guy Jamieson really worked hard for scoring honours, and at one point in the period he caught a puck while standing right beside MacMillan, and casually reached around the net and tossed it in. Naturally it was not counted, but everyone got a laugh out of this little act of Jamie's, who incidentally is a protégé of the famous Soggy Green.

The third period had its moments, as play continued rough in spots, both teams going well for early season workouts. Hughie Robins, a little one hundred and thirty pounder was injured when he crashed into the boards, and he was carried from the ice with an apparent injury to the back.

Big rangy centreman Jackson opened the scoring for the Kings, taking a pass from Davidson and Hale, the Cats countered with their fourth and fifth scores, Don Long from Jamieson, and Tommy Long from Don Long. To cut a long story short the final score was ten to five for the Peacharoos.

Les Kirkpatrick and Soggy Green were the officials.

## SPORT FANS MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OLD HANK HILL

(By HIGH MCGREGOR)

Hank Hill is putting up a great fight for his life right now as this is being written. Hank is suffering from pleurisy and double pneumonia, and his condition is serious, but Hank will come through, because Hank has a lot of what it takes, and he has been in tough spots before.

Take the arsenal explosion at Halifax for instance. Hank was one of the two heroes down there, as he gambled with fate, and through his efforts, he and his buddy saved a great portion of the arsenal from going sky-high. There have been other times, and one of these was what perhaps forces Hank at this minute to be on his back in a Hamilton Hospital fighting for everything that is dear to him.

Hank's wife was a pretty sick woman just a few days ago, and finally she underwent an operation that was successful and she is now back home. When his wife took sick Hank was being kidded about playing hockey again this winter. I remember the first practise when Hank took to the ice. He looked pretty tired before he started, and he probably should not have been playing! During a lull, Hank asked me to drive down to Miliyard's and get a prescription for his wife.

We didn't see Hank at the next practise, and we learned that his wife was now in the hospital. Then one of his five children suffered a bad fall, and doctors were not sure as to whether the little fellow's neck was fractured or not.

All the time Hank kept working, and trying to look after his family without the Missus, who was by this time improving. Finally Hank

showed up at the arena again to play the greatest game of his life. He really was flying that night, and old Pop McVicar will substantiate this. And then the next morning Hank does not get up, is rushed to the hospital with pneumonia.

It's not very often that we ask the sporting people of the district to help out a guy when he is down, but we feel that with Christmas coming on and everything is merry and gay, it's kind of tough to think of Mrs. Hill and her brood going through this season without old Hank right there to keep things moving.

The Peach King Hockey Club started things moving when they voted to give fifty bucks toward the Hill's troubles. Pop McVicar gave another five, and The Independent added another ten, and we now ask you the people of Grimsby and district to help out Hank and his family. It might not be a particularly merry Christmas for Hank, but when he snaps out of his lethargy which envelops him now, the knowledge that we did not let him down will be of great assistance to him as he fights to gain back his health. Come on, Razor-back, we're all pulling for you.

Please, folks, leave your contribution, big or small at The Independent Office, Dyke Lawson will be there to thank you for Hank who just can't be around this Christmas season.

Utopia must be the place where a man never receives a shirt from the laundry with a button missing. Breathes there a girl with soul so dead who has never yearned to have her picture in a national magazine.

## REFLECTIONS IN THE ICE

(By High McGregor)

Soggy Green was never one to get pushed around much while participating in a hockey game, as a matter of fact he is known to this day as a very elusive fellow to hit. However, in his role as linesman, old Soggy got pushed around aplenty. Seems as how Soggy was holding on to the boards half the time, and we noticed a slight grin on the dead-pan puss of Kirkpatrick on several occasions as the mighty Green picked himself up after being mowed down by on-rushing Grimsby players. Soggy took it all with a grin, even the time he blew his whistle on an off-side and Kirkpatrick overruled his associate and faced the puck off in the centre circle. It is not likely that Soggy will be able to resist the temptation to again don the Dunnville colors, and we fully expect to see him flying up the ice when again the Kings meet the Cats.

McVicar figures on working a

three man defense this season, with three complete forward lines. At present three boys appear to be out of the picture, they are: Euke, Hoyle and Stewart. Hann is an unknown quantity, to both the executive and in all probability to himself also. Russ could do a lot better for himself than playing with the Brantford Redmen, who for some strange reason wear blue sweaters. But then it is supposed to be "Senior Hockey" of a very high grade. I should willingly wager that the Peach Kings could give the Redmen (in the blue sweaters) a helluva going over now.

That new airen at the arena is a thriller, and did you latch on to that piercing voice of Earl Cornwell as he called for the firemen to scramble down to the Inn. Brother, what enunciation, what a message—what a fire!

About this and that—When will a hockey player's pants look like they are really secure, and how long will it be before Bones gets a chamouis leg guard from anyone of his six widows—or when will the first "over a thousand crowd" file into the arena. And how about a heater in the press box? Contrary

to public opinion, Schmidt of the Express does not shoot enough hot air around this enclosure to warm my number 10's. Or why didn't the officials pay a minute's silent tribute to the late Clare Rushton who did plenty for sports in this town, and don't ever forget it? And why does Tommy Warner always appear to be laughing at the Peach Kings, when all the time he is their most ardent supporter? And what about Hutchison?

Try this on for size:

M is for the matchless Matty Mattison.  
R is for the rugged rushing Reid—W is for the willing "Reckless" Warner.

Put them all together, they spell power with a capital "P" for punch, plugging and possibilities.

Team the above with Miller and Glass on defense, and Alf MacMillan guarding the cage, and you will have a Clydesdale-Black Horse combination that should get the chips out of a tight spot when the chips are down.

Robinson Crusoe should have been happy on that island. His man Friday didn't expect a tip every time he did something.

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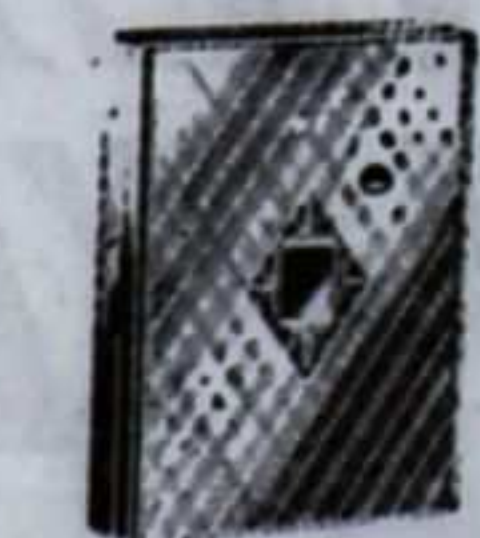
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## SPORTOLOGY

(By Bones Livingston, Sportologist)

**THE OLD BRAIN BOX IS WORKING**—The above streamer headline tells its own story. MARKHAM are coming to town. Bo, believe me, they won't leave town without giving the PEACH KINGS a terrible argument. Would not be surprised if they took the new edition into the paper baler. I understand the MILLIONAIRES are still the same team that they were last April when the KINGS took the Championship away from their grasp and have also been strengthened. That being the case it looks to me like BRAIN BOX McVICAR and his jittery manager, THROCKMORTON DOUBLE PREMIUM JARVIS, ably abetted by his undercover man LITTLE JOE THE WRANGLER, are definitely going to find out just how good the KINGS are, or might be, the same idea going through the heads of the BELLDUMBS that manage the MILLIONAIRES. In any event it is going to be a hockey tussle. To me just a repetition of any one of those four play-off games last Spring. In any event it is a game you do not want to miss. You may not see as good a one again until March when the KINGS stack up against some team in the O.H.A. finals. Better take this one in.

**WHAT THE SPORTS BOYS OF THE FRUIT BELT ARE ASKING SANTA CLAUS TO PUT IN THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING:**

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OLD TOM WARNER—17 new sweaters.  
THROCKMORTON THREADBARE JARVIS—Two more legs and feet and two more hands and arms. Incidentally, a couple of private secretaries, well versed in hockey.

BROCK SNYDER—Just three or four more lawn bowling trophies as good as he won last season.

TOM COLLINS—The recipe as to how the Fruit Belt League Champions can win the Intermediate O.R.H.R. Championship.

HIGH MCGREGOR—More room in the press box at the Arena or the right to throw intruders out.

GEORGE MARR—A solution to the problem of stopping the fans from smoking when the Kings are battling.

OLD POP McVICAR—Just a little tolerance from the fans for the next two weeks.

THE VILLAGE BANKER—A couple more players like myself on the Boulevard team.

GAS RAHN—A needle and thread to sew up my hip pocket so I won't get the Inglehart and Gledhill trophy into it before I actually win it.

LIMEY LYMBURNER—Some kind of a system that will make the players on the teams in the Men's League turn up on time to start bowling the same as the girls in the Peach Queen's League do.

RED GRAHAM—A formula that will stop the in and out playing of some of the best bowlers that I am coaching.

LITTLE WHIZZER KANMACHER—Three more high class billiard tables and a place to put them.

THE ZIMMERMAN FAMILY—A bunch of new opposition.

LITTLE JOE THE WRANGLER—A new water pail.

MICHAEL ANGELO SWEET—A new medical kit and the hope that I win the \$5 bet I made eight weeks ago.

TUFFORD THE EARL (a former crack Peach King player, now managing the St. Catharines Lions Junior "B" O.H.A. team)—A championship and a little help from Grimsbyites.

WILLISON NELLES—A little help from brother Lions and the general public in operating the Lions Club Midget League.

CAPTAIN DOWIE (President Peach Kings Hockey Club)—Another Championship and then I can go back to farming in a happy mood.

OLD BONES—A Merrie, Merrie Christmas to all the fans and fannettes in the Great Grimsby Fruit Belt.

THE MINISTERS, THE DOCTORS, THE MORTICIANS, THE POLICE, THE NEWSPAPERMEN—A Christmas without tragedy. If you drink don't drive; if you drive don't drink. Do not let death spoil the holiday for you and for somebody else.

**TRICKLERS FROM LITTLE JOE'S WATER PAIL**—These new O.H.A. regulations, and they are most sensible ones, have got a lot of the guessperts doing a lot of guessing that they never expected to do. Now that they have to get down to serious experting the job is just a little too big for them. Probably they will realize after a couple of hundred more years that three or four men can handle a hockey situation better than 30 or 40. . . . Poor OLD TOM COLLINS, prey of the FRUIT BELT LEAGUE, I might just as well buy the wreath for him right now. Prices may raise between now and March. I understand that the PEACH KINGS CLUB sponsored FRUIT BELT LEAGUE team will be known as the GRIMSBY SENATORS. That the colors will be red and white but just the reverse in assembly to the real PEACH KINGS. That LITTLE JOE THE WRANGLER will centre the first string forward line and will be C-A-P-T-A-I-N (he was a mess orderly in the army) of the team and here comes the grief for poor OLD TOM. No one less than ROBERT "YOUNG HAPPY" MILLER has been selected by the PEACH KINGS HOCKEY CLUB to be the manager and coach of the SENATORS. I am not kicking on BOBBY'S appointment. I believe that it is a smart selection, but I am feeling sorry for poor OLD TOM. He better go get himself a couple of dozen rule books and a staff of interpreters, for believe me Bo, this boy BOBBY can read rules out of a book that never were printed there and make you believe that they were. It's all O.K. with me. All is fair in— and hockey. . . . Writing this crap on Saturday night, close to midnight and the racket of my old mill, I know is disturbing the rest of Councillor and Mrs. Bob Johnson, my next door neighbors, but I can't help it, the paper must come out. . . . I'd give \$98.37 to know just what OLD POP McVICAR has in his noodle. Maybe MICHAEL ANGELO SWEET, his private secretary, was not such an optimist after all when he bet five simoleons nine weeks ago that the PEACH KINGS would win the championship. . . . The advertising columns of this paper tell you that LARRY RYAN, the theatrical tycoon is bringing the JOE LOUIS-JERSEY JOE WALCOTT fight picture to the ROXY next week. LARRY had to do a lot of battling with the "bookers" down in Toronto to get this picture before any other small town house in Ontario, but he succeeded. Look up the advertisement for dates. . . . It pays to advertise, particularly when it costs you nothing. But that free advertising got me in the dog house, lay over Rover. At the same time it shows the pulling power of THE GRIMSBY INDEPENDENT. Last week I pulled a wisecrack about my high-powered friend the LITTLE WHIZZER selling the BOWLAWAY to get out of work and buying the BILLIARD PARLOR so that he would have nothing to do. That he built the business up and now wanted to sell it, to AGAIN GET OUT OF WORK. Holy Toledo and a couple of atomic bombs. The Sanctum Sanctorum was stormed. The LITTLE WHIZZER was really W H I Z Z E N G. "Who told you to advertise my business for sale. I had 40 different people trying to buy the place before the midnight gong tolled on Thursday night and I had three different real estate brokers come and want to list the business." Brother, did I crawl under the desk. But only momentarily, for it did not take me long to convince the WHIZZBANG that the reason why so many people took my wisecrack as for a sale advertisement was because he was operating the finest and best BILLIARD PARLOR in all of SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO, and I am not going to back up on that statement. And right here, Mr. Kanmacher, and to your good wife, wife, Helen Kanmacher, I am going to say that GRIMSBY has been mighty fortunate that you two people were in our midst in the past seven years. You have provided our people with clean, honest sport. First, THE BOWLAWAY. You took the gamble. You were in the bag. You produced something. You ran it right and it paid off. When you sold you made sure that it would be conducted in the same high class manner. It is. You took another gamble. You have just what I have stated up above, the highest class billiard parlor in all Southwestern Ontario. WHIZ, I'm glad you are in GRIMSBY. I'll see you Christmas Eve. . . .

Want to Buy—Sell—Beg—Borrow—  
Swap a Wife . . . . Advertise in The  
Independent And Get Quick Results.

## DETROIT AND BOSTON ARE MIDGET WINNERS

William Nelles got a chance to study his Lion Midgets on Saturday morning, and found that at least two teams are unbalanced at the present time, and in order to put matters on an even keel some re-arranging may have to be worked out.

The first games of the schedule saw the Maple Leafs take a three to one lacing from the Detroit entry. Piotrowski, Ray Fisher and Jim Nelles scoring for Detroit, while Johnny Mantle notched the lone Leaf tally.

Canadiens appeared to be away off color in the second tilt, as Boston administered a seven to nothing trouncing. Rather lax goal-tending was partially responsible for the Canadiens defeat, and the whole team did not appear to give their immediate task too much thought. Bob Cole with three matched Cliff Schwab's hat trick, while Les Walters notched a pair of Boston goals.

In the minor series, Buffalo proved to be far too strong for Syracuse, and the ten to nothing drubbing made the affair most uninteresting. Fred Nelles went all out for six goals, with Palmer Hill, Fred Ebisuzaki and George Stuart other Buffalo snipers.

The final effort between St. Louis and Cleveland was by far the best game of the morning with St. Louis notching the winning tally with a minute to play. Lawson missed a great chance to tie the game when he was outguessed by the St. Louis netminder with seconds to go. Ronnie Moore with two, and Zeigler with one were key men for St.

Louis while Wicharuk and Lawson netted the Cleveland goals.

The schedule for Saturday, Dec. 20th:

8.30—Detroit vs. Boston.  
9.05—Toronto vs. Canadiens.  
9.45—Buffalo vs. St. Louis.  
10.20—Cleveland vs. Syracuse.

All boys playing in the Lions League are urged to be on hand in plenty of time, as games must start promptly at 8.30.

**WATER AT CAMP**

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## CONTINUATIONS

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### POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Police administration costs in Grimsby for 1947 will total just around \$3,300 and that includes everything, cost of car operation, telephone, stationery, uniforms, wages, and other necessary incidentals.

On a basis of \$3,300 it means practically two mills on the tax rate.

Next week The Independent will endeavor to give to the taxpayer a clear picture of just how the Provincial Police system operates; the cost of that system and all other details that they should know.

### POWER INTERRUPTION

While repairs were being made patrons of the Beam Theatre were pained through several power interruptions, and the bowling league which was going full blast took a temporary rest, although a couple of bowlers tried bowling in the beam of a flashlight. Some people whose appetite was too keen to wait, drove out into the township to get their supper.

Overheard at the height of the blackout was a remark from a R.C.A.F. vet, who said it was like old times, but that the "enemy" must be striking elsewhere.

### WILLIAM HUNTER

Wm. Hunter were largely responsible for establishing the Advanced Registry Board, which applied to all dairy breeds excepting Holsteins. The Holstein-Friesian Association maintains its own Advanced Registry Board and inspection staff.

Dr. Adrien Morin, Cap Rouge, Que., fieldman for the Packers' Council, who presided at the dinner, explained that Bill did not need the French language to get on well with the French farmers, his friendly smile and a few, motions with the hands did it.

Being a native son of Scotland, it was altogether fitting that the dinner gathering included two of Mr. Hunter's personal Scottish friends, Alan Barr of Hobsland and G. Templeton, of A. & G. Templeton, Hurford, Kilmarnock, Scotland, who are presently visiting Ayrshire breeders in Canada and the United States.

Wording of the memorial is as follows: "A testimonial of appreciation of William Hunter on the occasion of his retirement as Chief Inspector, Advanced Registry Board for Dairy Bulls."

In token of our friendship and in appreciation of a lifetime of service to the livestock industry of Canada—first as an importer and international exhibitor of Ayrshire cattle and later as Chief Inspector, Advanced Registry for Dairy Bulls, in which capacity his splendid judgment, matchless diplomacy, great courage and vision, and kindly, genial nature have made him a friend of all—we esteem it an honor to sign as friends of William Hunter.

There is no place like home. It's the place where a man can stretch and yawn and not have to make apologies.

### GENERAL ADOPTED



Fifty-year-old Brig-Gen. Ralph C. Tobin, U.S.A. (ret.), who is reported to have been secretly adopted by Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, rich octogenarian leader of New York's "Old Guard." The "legal formalities" were said to have been executed in Pan Craig, Mrs. Webster's estate at the Rhode Island social colony. Brig-Gen. Tobin was once commander of the New York National Guard and during the war commanded the Seventh Regiment, 207th Coast Artillery.

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St. John	781	768	1033-3
Golden Drop	665	730	737-0
Elberta	747	712	918-3
Vimy	650	673	724-0
Valiant	839	964	943-3
Victory	720	575	779-0

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Flyers	1185	1137	1215-2
Rockets	1034	1216	937-1
Charlie's C.	766	1029	959-1
East End	9111	971	1079-2

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M bums 609 762 898-3  
M bums 941 962 845-2  
Peach Kings 974 871 779-1

Mountaineers 858 917 981-1  
Lumber Kings 910 829 1044-2  
Peach Kings 1129 898 1008-2  
Pony Express 1037 1053 892-1

Monarchs 1134 942 1109-3  
Boulevard 992 896 1035-0  
Underwriters 741 1073 969-1  
Iron Dukes 962 765 977-2

Present League standing with the exception of Pin Twisters and Sheet Metal who bowled last night.

Rockets 26  
Gas House 25  
Monarchs 25  
Boulevard 22  
Pony Express 21  
Flyers 21  
Pin Twisters 20  
Mountaineers 18  
Underwriters 17  
Charlie's Clippers 17  
Lumber Kings 17  
Peach Kings 17  
Iron Dukes 16  
Firemen 15  
Sheet Metal 13  
East End 13  
M bums 10  
Iron Kings 8

The Management And Staff of The Roxy Theatre, Grimsby Wish to Take This Opportunity To Extend Seasonal Greetings To All Their Many Friends And Patrons.

**G.H.S.**  
The greatest social event in the year, G.H.S. "At Home," is to be held on Monday, December 22. The most outstanding feature of the evening will be the excellent music supplied by none other than Len Allan of Hamilton—music of the sweetest, most melodious, and harmonious type—dream tunes for the sentimentalists, hit tunes for the moderns—older tunes for Old time's sake.

**G.H.S.**  
The decorating committee of Grade 13 have decided we will be dancing in the dreamy atmosphere of blue and silver. The lunch committee, capably headed by Ruth Cornwell, is busy preparing delicious refreshments for this worthy occasion. The school is trying to go all out for the dance this year. We hope that many of our students turn out for the "At Home" but we must remember that at this dance we are entertaining graduate friends and relatives of the school. Dress is optional, although most of the girls are looking forward to the thrilling swish of long dresses. Time is the usual 9:00 o'clock. The guests will be received by a welcoming group made up of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Awde, Don Mogg, our president, and his partner.

Talk has been circulating about a New Year's Eve dance to be held at the school. Arrangements have not been completed but we will be able to give you the complete plans next week.

**BASKETBALL**  
The first game of girls basketball was played in Hamilton last Thursday. A mixture of our Junior and Senior players went down to defeat at the hands of the Hamilton Normal School team. Their defeat was so great they signed a pact not to tell the score. Perhaps we can seek revenge near the end of the season. Come on, boys, when are you going

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to drag out those basket balls? Our Christmas reports were issued this week. Glum looks appeared on many faces and many remarks were heard, as—What a Christmas present!

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**  
"I understand," said a young woman to another, "that at your church you are having very small congregations. Is that so?"  
"Yes," answered the other girl. "So small that every time the rector says 'dearly beloved,' you feel as if you had received a proposal."

After that rather week joke, all that remains is a wish from your struggling reporters that you all have a "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS."

**Paid-Up List**

Mrs. Andrew P. Burton, Renesselaire, N.Y. Dec. '48

J. E. Bradshaw, Victoria, B.C. April '48

Mrs. W. F. Gibson, Grimsby Dec. '48

A. R. Smye, Grimsby Jan. '49

H. Nickerson, Grimsby Dec. '48

Miss Mary Watson, Grimsby Dec. '48

Mrs. S. W. Crealock, Winona Nov. '48

A. W. Dipper, Grimsby Dec. '48

Mrs. C. F. Mabey, Hamilton Dec. '48

W. A. McNiven, Grimsby Dec. '48

Mrs. J. P. Maher, Brantford Dec. '48

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1938 INTERNATIONAL D-30 truck, stake body, dual wheels. Apply Donald Stewart, No. 8 Highway, 1/2 mile east Beamsville, Phone Beamsville 24-R-21. 23-3p

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LADY'S black shoe, left foot. Reward. E. Kushko, Murray St. N. 24-1p

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It seems that wholesale prices are rising by the wholesale.

Mrs. C. H. Rushton, Dundas Oct. '48

Mrs. G. E. Lindsay, Toronto Dec. '48

Rev. Neil M. Leckie, Grimsby Feb. '49

G. Hambrook, Winona Dec. '48

G. Fitter, Winona Dec. '48

Ernest Wilcox, Grimsby Dec. '48

L. K. Southward, Jordan Station Dec. '48

Mrs. J. S. White, Hamilton Dec. '48

Mrs. B. Soper, St. Catharines Dec. '48

Fred W. Templin, St. Petersburg, Fla. Jan. '49

H. L. Wood, Palmetto, Fla. April '48

Edward Brubaker, Beamsville Dec. '48

S. R. Letson, Dunnville Dec. '48

Wm. Shafer, Tampa, Fla. Dec. '48

Karl Oelkuch, Grimsby Nov. '48

Mrs. M. B. Phelps, Grimsby Jan. '49

Mrs. A. McKenzie, Grimsby Dec. '47

Wm. Merritt, Grimsby Sept. '48

J. B. Mariatt, Hamilton Nov. '48

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### TOWN OF GRIMSBY

The votes of the electors will be taken at the annual municipal elections on the 5th day of January, 1948.

(a) a proposed by-law entitled "A By-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation and the Grimsby Natural Gas Company, Limited."

The proposed by-law authorizes the execution by the Mayor and Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby of an agreement with the Grimsby Natural Gas Company, Limited, granting to it the right or franchise to produce, conduct, distribute and sell gas in the Town of Grimsby for a period of ten years from the final passing of the by-law with a right of renewal for further periods not exceeding ten years at any one time.

This is to replace the former franchise agreement dated the 13th day of January, 1937, which was approved by the Council of the Town of Grimsby at a meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1937. The right of renewal in that agreement was not exercised by the Council of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on the 12th day of January, 1947.

Gas rates under the proposed franchise are the same as those still in effect under the old franchise and the other provisions of the agreement are also the same. These include the provision that the present rates shall apply for a period of two years. Thereafter they may be changed by agreement between the Town and the Gas Company, or by order of the Referee. If the rates are changed at any time the new rates shall remain in effect for at least two years.

(b) the question "Are you in favour of the Council entering into an agreement with the Grimsby Natural Gas Company, Limited, for the production, distribution and sale of gas in the Town of Grimsby?"

This question is being submitted in order to obtain, for the guidance of the Council, an expression of the wishes of the electors as to the future policing of the Town.

Police Act, 1946, provides that, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Commissioner of Police for Ontario may enter into an agreement with the Council of any municipality for the policing of the municipality by the Ontario Provincial Police Force. If such an agreement is entered into, the members of the force assigned to duty in the Town will be charged with the duty of preserving the peace, preventing crime and other offences including offences against Town by-laws, and will perform such other duties as may be specified in the agreement. The cost of such policing would be payable by the Town and the Act provides that this must not be less than the aggregate of the police salaries paid by the municipality.

**NOTICE**  
TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing is a correct synopsis of a proposed by-law and a correct statement of a question upon which the votes of the electors will be taken at the same time and places as at the final summing up of the votes at the Clerk.

DATED at Grimsby this 19th day of November, 1947.

(Sgd.) G. G. BOURNE,  
Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby.

## FRUIT GROWERS ARE TOLD SPRAY MACHINERY OBSOLETE

W. A. Ross, Chief Insects Investigator For Canada Declares The Present Insecticide Application System Has Reached Its Peak—Various New Types Of Peach Containers Investigated.

Fruit growers of the district gathered Thursday afternoon at Victoria hall in Vineland for the annual meeting of the Niagara Peninsula Fruit Growers Association.

The first part of the session was devoted to a business meeting, during which the reports of the various committees were heard, and the second part was a description of new spraying machinery, given by W. A. Ross, chief fruit insects investigator for Canada and at present at Vineland Station.

Declaring that the present insecticide application machinery has reached its peak of efficiency, Mr. Ross said that the applicators still have one serious drawback, they use too much water. This use of water may be avoided by high speed applicators using a concentrated spray mix.

There are three types of machines available for applying the concentrate, two on the ground and one air-borne. Both the ground machines have a serious drawback. The air-borne type is a helicopter, and sufficient time has not been available for testing of this type.

Of the ground applicators, first, there is the air blast type. With it the operator may get a well directed and high speed application but it has been found that the drops of toxicant are too large and do not do their job properly.

The second is the aerosol fog type. According to Mr. Ross this type has good control over the size of the drops, but the aim and the control of velocity is poor. It can be used under perfect weather conditions, and is often used in British Columbia at night.

Dr. J. Marshall, at the government station in British Columbia, is at present working on a machine for spraying, that will combine the advantages of both these machines. That is, it will have the accuracy of the air blast and the effectiveness of the aerosol. A model of this machine will be ready for testing by the next fruit season.

Mr. Ross gave a detailed description of this new type of applicator. It will give reasonable coverage of one acre in 30 minutes. Only two operators will be required, both seated, and it will weigh less than 3,000 pounds. Low construction and low centre of gravity will be included. The applicator will be mounted on small wheels for easy riding and less soil compaction. It will deliver an insecticidal fog with a high velocity air stream, with the power supplied either by steam, or hydraulics, and it will use a concentrated spray mixture of 15 to 50 gallons an acre, depending on the spacing of the trees.

Dr. Marshall is also working on a small blower for use with present spraying equipment to allow the grower to get as much use out of his present equipment as possible before it is worn out.

In all fairness to the helicopter Mr. Ross said that sufficient time had not been found to give it a fair trial, as it had arrived too late in the season last year, but what testing was done, it was found that it worked better with the spray concentrates than with dust.

A resolution passed at the meeting yesterday gave the support of the N.P.F.G.A. to the amalgamation of the parent body, the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association and the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association. The two associations will hold their first convention in Toronto on Jan. 19, 20, and 21.

The convention of the N.P.F.G.A. will be held at Victoria hall in Vineland the week before on Jan. 12, 13 and 14. The delegates elected to attend the Toronto convention were the new president, vice-president and directors C. M. Bonham of Grimsby and H. L. Craise of St. Catharines.

At the opening of the business session the reports of the various committees were heard and passed. H. L. Craise of St. Catharines gave a report on the tariff changes for imported fruits. He explained that the nine week seasonal tariff on peaches was not long enough, because of the earlier varieties of peaches that have been developed in recent years.

The report of the research committee was devoted to a description of the various new types of containers for peaches and other fruits now being offered on the market. The report was given by W. H. Upshall of the experimental station at Vineland.

Mr. Upshall said that there were 10 experimental shipments of peaches and one of plums sent to Timmins, Ontario, in 1947. All peaches were packed under the big O label and were shipped in iced freight cars. The plums were sent by express. Bain Stewart of the Ontario Department of Agriculture took records on these shipments at Timmins in addition to more general observations on the marketing of all fruits and vegetables in that area.

Big O pack received 10 cents more per basket and the increase was maintained all along the marketing chain. There was no difficulty in selling them at the advanced price, and 20 out of the 24 consumers interviewed stated that the pack was worth the extra money, mainly because wastage from brown rot was so small. This indicates that consumers appreciate a good pack of good holding qualities and are willing to pay accordingly.

A critical examination of growers' packs showed that well over half of them contained too many "hard" peaches. A few packs were above the tolerance on worms, split pits, and rot, and a small number of baskets were not well filled. The wastage from brown rot when held at room temperature until ripe ranged from zero to 55 per cent. There was a marked difference in wastage between the packs of individual growers. Even in the bad rot year of 1947, some growers' fruit held up remarkably well throughout the whole season.

Mr. Upshall's report went on to say that spraying experiments with Valiant at Vineland and with Elberta at St. Catharines again demonstrated the need for all of the recommended sprays.

In Timmins, the Somerville Safe-Pak cardboard baskets were again well received. The Kraft Traypak and the B.C. box are seldom sold intact in Timmins and seem to be of the most interest at the two ends of the peach season. The Fox "hybrid" (between a basket and a box) did not sell readily until the cover was removed. Cartons Limited, four-peach trays sealed in cellophane, were very favorably received and sold for 15 cents in the retail stores. It was learned, however, that there is a danger of deterioration in quality as a result of accumulation of gases under the tight cover. The new EZC Pak was well received, especially the one layer-box.

Packing tests with the Norfolk basket indicate it is generally satisfactory for select size, but not for No. 2. The deep 11-quart seemed satisfactory for No. 1 and No. 2, but seldom for the select size prevalent in 1947.

The clear covers were generally approved by the consumers, but many of the wholesalers and retailers favored the red cotton. Cellophane was seldom torn in transit. Mr. Stewart reported dissatisfaction with the basket stamping job done by some growers.

During August and September the air temperature of the cars immediately above the fruit on arrival at Timmins was invariably around 60 degrees. This is far from being a desirable condition.

Brown rot can develop quite rapidly during the 50-hour journey, and the ripening processes are slightly delayed. Unless the load cars can be cooled much more efficiently, the thorough precooling of the fruit before or after loading seems to be imperative if the Ontario fruit industry is going to be able to meet ever-stiffening competition for markets.

It was mentioned at the meeting that there are now about 1800 growers in the association. About 120 were at the meeting.

After the general meeting there was a directors meeting and they elected the following officers: President, Horace Kilman, Fenwick; 1st vice-president, W. C. Nickerson, St. Catharines; 2nd vice-president, Murray Utter, Stoney Creek; secretary-treasurer, E. F. Neff, St. Catharines; directors at large J. R. Stork and H. L. Craise.

Directors elected were: Niagara, W. C. Fisher, Harry A. Dawson, A.

Williams and George W. B. Hostetter; Grantham, Wallace Secord, W. C. Nickerson, Ivan Buchanan, Cecil Secord, Louth, J. R. Stork, H. L. Craise, R. H. Rittenhouse, John C. Wismer; Clinton, Donald W. Jory, B. B. Davidson, Harold Smith, Harry Russ; N. Grimsby, Donald J. Beamer, C. M. Bonham, G. Donald Smith, George Nelles; Stamford, George Ellis, C. J. Monroe; Pelham, Horace Kilman, Russell Jones, Wm. Hanaler, Burton Beamer; Wainfleet, Walter Palmer; Barton, H. Lees Becket; Binbrook, Harvey Daw; Glanford, Clayton Young; Ancaster, James Oakes; Saltfleet, Murray Utter, Frank Smith, Reid Smith, J. Lewis Puddicombe.

### Obituary

#### ANNIS ELMER TEEFT

In failing health for the last year, Annis Elmer Teeft, husband of Annie Lennox, died at his home in Gainsboro Township on Sunday in his 68th year.

Born in Calistow township, son of the late James and Elizabeth Teeft, he lived most of his life in this district except for the last four years, which were spent in Dunnville.

Surviving besides his widow are three brothers, John, of Wainfleet, Oliver of Beamsville, Ellis, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., and one sister, Miss Clara Teeft, of Hamilton.

#### JAMES JOSEPH HURD

James Joseph Hurd, one of North Grimsby Township's oldest farmers died at his home early on Monday in his 93rd year. Born at Mount Albion in April, 1855, he had resided in this district for most of his life.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

His wife predeceased him in 1944.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, John Hurd, Grimsby; James Hurd, Buffalo; Mrs. Margaret Aitchison, Mrs. Gertrude Priddle, North Grimsby, and Mrs. Annie Plamondon, of Lac La Biche, Alberta.

Funeral Mass was conducted in St. Joseph's R. C. church on Wednesday morning by Rev. B. A. O'Donnell. Interment was in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

#### S. EDWARD LAIDMAN

A resident of Grimsby for the last 20 years, S. Edward Laidman died at his home, 18 Robinson St. North, on Sunday, in his 74th year.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Laidman, he was born in Binbrook Township on June 11, 1874, and farmed on the homestead until moving to Grimsby to take up fruit growing in 1927. He was a member of Trinity United Church.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Bertha Shields, are a daughter, Mrs. Lorne Hiltz, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; and a son, Keith Laidman of Binbrook; also three sisters, Mrs. John Tossell, Binbrook; Mrs. George Thompson, Hamilton, and Miss Maude Laidman, Regina.

Funeral services were held from the Stonehouse Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon. Interment being made in Queen's Lawn cemetery.

#### JOHN THORNTON

An esteemed resident of Vineland Station for many years, John Thornton died at his home in Grimsby on Saturday after a brief illness.

Born in Watford 72 years ago he came to Vineland as a young man and for several years operated a fruit farm near Beamsville before accepting employment at the Horticultural Experimental Station in 1910.

Until the time of his retirement, five years ago, Mr. Thornton served as steam engineer at the Experimental Station. He was active in community affairs. His wife, Elvira Fuller, predeceased him 15 years.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Frank Fleeman, St. Catharines; Miss Pearl Thornton, Barrie; Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, Ottawa; Mrs. Robert McIntyre, Brighton; and Mrs. William Barber, Toronto; also two sons, Roy, of St. Catharines, and Lloyd of Hamilton.

#### MRS. WILLIAM F. GEDDES

Dora Evelyn Geddes, wife of William F. Geddes, Grimsby, died at the family residence, Main street west, Saturday morning, December 13th, 1947, in her 75th year.

Born on the farm in North Grimsby Township, settled by her great-grandfather, John Smith, in 1784, daughter of the late George and Catherine Smith, she had lived there all her life with the exception of four years following her marriage, when she resided at Winona, Ontario.

Of United Empire Loyalist descent she had always been greatly interested in the history of the development of this community and knew much of the affairs of the early settlers here, and had collected much information on the genealogy of her own family. She was a member of the church of England.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, George I., of Hamilton and Bruce F., of Grimsby, and one daughter, Catherine (Mrs. Charles Wade) of Kapuskasing, Ont.

Services were held in St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Grimsby,

on Monday at 2:30 p.m., interment being in St. Andrew's Churchyard, Grimsby.

Casket bearers were George and Bruce Geddes, Robert S. and Paul Smith, George Nelles and Dr. Cecil H. Rorabeck, Toronto.



### REAL ESTATE

Frank Johnson and Percy Lambert have purchased two building lots on the north side of No. 8 Highway west, between the T. D. Jeffries house and the James Walker house, west of Kerman avenue.

T. D. Jeffries has purchased from Frank Johnson and Percy Lambert all the mountainside on the south side of No. 8 Highway, running west from Kerman avenue to opposite the James Walker house. This deal does not include the Johnson fruit stand.

T. E. Mannell, real estate broker, reports that he has sold the Hugh McPherson house and lot at 25 Oak street to Gordon Book, the Grimsby House Barber, and also the property of Frank Burton at 80 Paton street to Mrs. Lena Sawchuk of Toronto.

### FOUNDRY SHUT DOWN

Inability to secure delivery of required steel has forced a shutdown of the Grimsby Stove and Furnace, Ltd., foundry which has thrown 40 employees out of work for the next four weeks.

"Delivery of sheet steel, required for manufacture of stoves and furnaces, has been promised for early in January, and we expect to resume operations on January 12," said A. M. Alton, one of the firm's executives.

### BIBLE SOCIETY

A goodly congregation representing the four Protestant churches of the town, gathered in Trinity United Church on Sunday evening for the observance of the annual Bible Society Sunday.

Owing to the delayed arrival of the speaker for the evening, Mr. H. S. Sanders, an able discourse was given by Rev. G. A. McLean, of the Baptist Church, vividly setting forth the aims, the claims and the attainments of the Bible Society.

Mr. Sanders, on his arrival, took up the subject from the angle of the need for Bibles in European countries where they had become a war casualty. So great is the demand that a bootlegging business in Bibles is rampant. The speaker concluded with an urgent appeal for funds to increase the stream of Bibles not only into Europe, but into those countries where literacy is being acquired with almost phenomenal speed and where the people's first demand is for the Bible in their own tongue.

A pleasing part of the program was the effective rendering by the choir of the anthem, "Send Out Thy Light."

The service inaugurated the house to house canvass which got under way on Monday and will continue during the week.

### WHOOPING COUGH

One of the most serious respiratory diseases, particularly in young children, is whooping cough. More infants are taken from us by this ailment than by diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles combined.

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Before its magic the hosts of darkness take flight. It touches the slumbering chords of memory; it heals old hurts and scars; it binds loved ones in a closer and deeper tie. There are no friendless or forsaken within its sound; under its influence the strong reach out to help the weak. Peace and Love and Joy, these are its loudest notes, and they are for all men. For the Song of Christmas is the greatest of all songs because it is understood by every heart.



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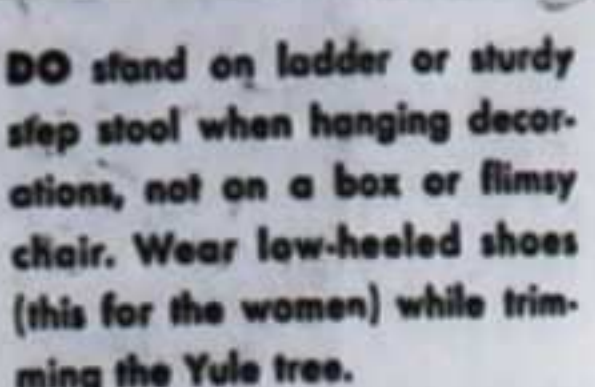


**DON'T** attach too many light strings to one outlet, and be sure insulation is not worn or sockets loose. A blown fuse is the signal of a dangerous overload. Be sure fuses are right size. Never use a penny in fuse socket.

**DO** keep tree in water from time you bring it home. Make fresh saw cut across trunk base before setting up. Place tree in water-containing holder, and fill it daily. Remove tree from premises immediately after holidays.



**DON'T** use lighted candles on the Christmas tree or with other decorations. Place the tree well away from fireplace or other location where it is exposed to sparks or strong heat. Also keep tissue wrappings away from heat.



**DO** stand on ladder or sturdy step stool when hanging decorations, not on a box or flimsy chair. Wear low-heeled shoes (this for the women) while trimming the Yule tree.

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### SOME SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT EASTER TIME

To find two yolks in an Easter egg foretells a great gain in wealth.

To refuse to eat an Easter egg, if offered by a friend, signifies a loss of friendship.

It is considered lucky to plant garden seed and potatoes on Good Friday.

Good Friday is the best day in the year for weaning babies.

It is a sign of luck to break pottery on Good Friday. It will save the house from damage during the rest of the year.

### HUNGRY HOLIDAY

On Christmas Eve, Nancy hurried breathlessly into her rooming house. Surely the package from home would be there! But Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The mailman went right by this afternoon." Up in her room Nancy spent a lonesome Christmas Eve. She read awhile to forget her hunger, then went to bed. Next morning it was the destitute Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!" she shouted, walking into the room uninvited. Nancy was irritated, momentarily, by this highly painted shallow creature. But she quickly regained her composure. It was Christmas, after all!

"It was swell of you, dearie, to pay Mrs. Groggins a week's rent in advance last night," Mrs. Wilson said, settling herself into the most comfortable chair. "I don't know what would have happened, because I'm caught a bit short just now and couldn't pay!"

Nancy said it was all right, that she had been glad to do it, but then she felt hungry and remembered there had been no dinner—and now no breakfast. All because of Mrs. Wilson!

"I was just about to drop out for a bite to eat," her visitor explained, "and seeing you're all alone, I thought you might like to come along."

Nancy remembered the lone 25-cent piece in her purse. "Thank you so kindly, Mrs. Wilson," she answered quickly. "But I'm—I'm not feeling so well this morning. I'll just have a cup of coffee in my room!"

About noon she dressed, for Jim was calling for her at one o'clock. What a ravenous appetite she would have.

But one o'clock passed, and no Jim. Nor at 2 or 3, and Nancy's spirits began to give way. Had he, too, chosen to punish her on Christmas?

Downstairs she heard Mr. and Mrs. Groggins welcoming their guests for the day, and she took a vicarious pleasure from it. She heard the dinner bell, the clatter of dishes as they dined, and then the shuffling of chairs as the well-fed guests retired to the living room. By that time it was five o'clock and Nancy sat by her window, figuratively biting her fingernails. She was almost hysterical with fear, and she began to worry.

At six o'clock she put on her coat and dashed down the stairs, headed for the door. Perhaps to find Jim, perhaps merely to escape her room. She reached the entrance, turned the knob and pulled open the door—and there was Jim, just arriving!

Tearfully she threw herself into his arms, shivering from fright. "Oh, Jim!" she cried. "Where have you been?"

"But didn't you get my message?" he asked. "I had to work in the laboratory this afternoon, and telephoned Mrs. Groggins at 12:30!" His brow was furrowed.

Just then there was a voice behind them. "Miss Bell!" It was Mrs. Groggins. "A message for you. It came just before dinner, but then our guests arrived and I didn't get around to bringing it up."

Nancy took the slip from her hand, wiping away a tear. She heard Jim cursing.

"Let's get out of here, honey," he said, quietly.

A short time later they were din-

ing by candlelight while a string ensemble played soft Christmas music in the background. Jim looked up from his coffee and smiled, then reached into his pocket.

"There was a big package on your desk at the office," he said. "It came today. From your folks, I guess. Too big to carry with me, but maybe this will take its place."

He reached for her left hand, then for the second finger, and at its tip he poised a diamond ring. Then he looked at her, asking assent.

"Yes, darling," she said softly. "It's the merriest Christmas ever!"

### The Day After Christmas

Grandpa spent the day upon the floor—

Running trains and playing with the toys.

Now, from head to toe he's muscle sore;

Wishes women all would stop their noise;

Says what he is suffering no one knows.

Grandpa's all played out when Christmas goes.

Grandpa's full of moaning and complaint.

Didn't know there could be so much pain;

Calls for stuff a finger scratch to paint;

Wonders if he'll ever walk again.

Doesn't like the women folks to say

He's too old for games the children play.

Grandpa thinks he won't get up to-day.

Had his breakfast brought beside his bed;

Asked the maid who carried up the tray

Couldn't she a little lighter tread?

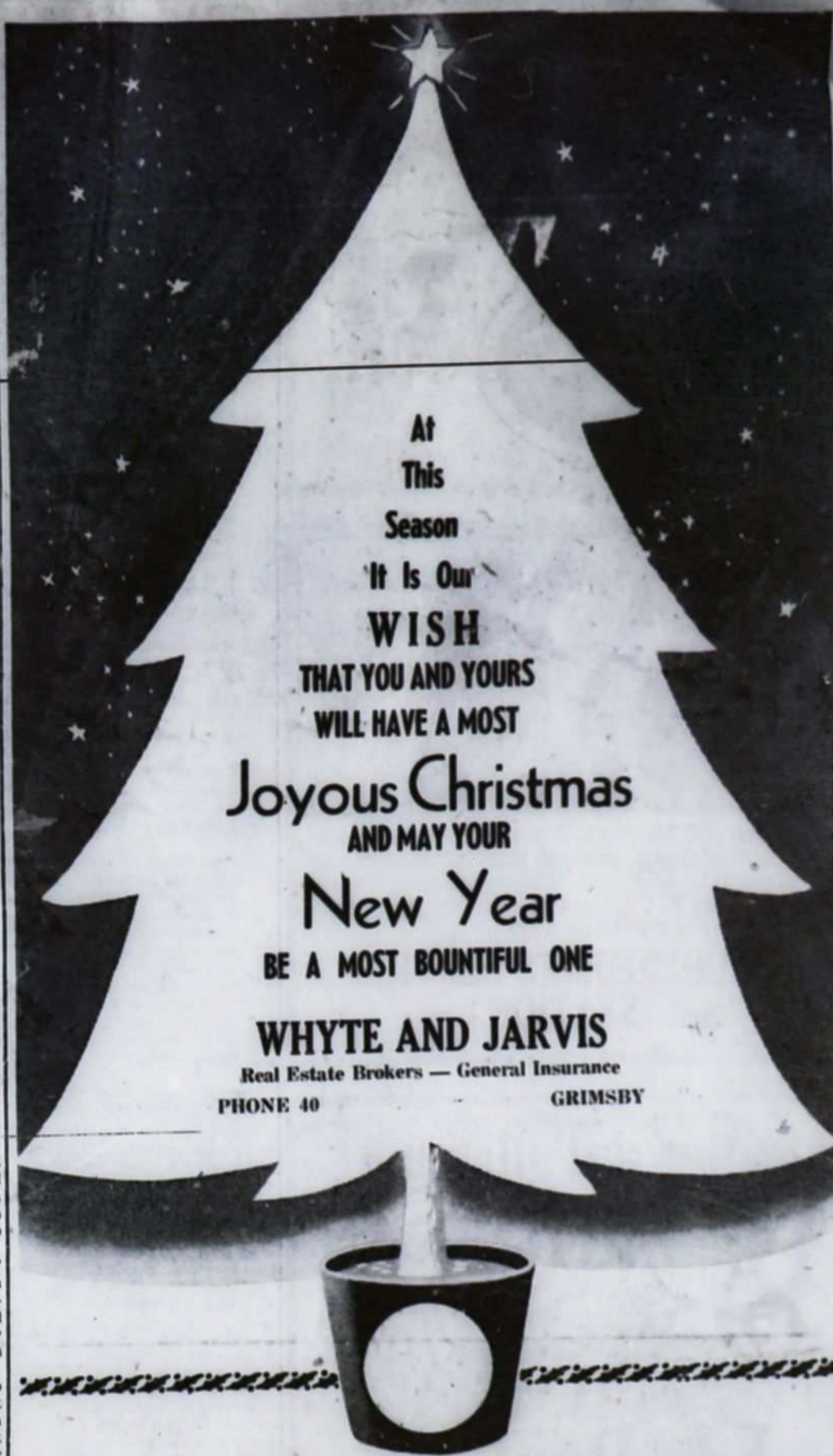
There's a patch of plaster on his nose.

Grandpa's all played out when Christmas goes.

Winter is that period when many a man would read a good book if only someone would write one.

The modern girl is the one who can shuffle a deck of cards with all ease and dispatch.

What has become of the family with a spare bedroom, asks a writer. We bet they have rented the room for an unheard of figure.



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**TWAS NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS**

'Twas the night AFTER Christmas, and all through the home  
 Raged a terrible headache wherever you'd roam;  
 The house looked a wreck; there were signs everywhere  
 To prove to the world that St. Nick had been there.  
 The children were still having fun with their toys—  
 And breaking all records for long-sustained noise.  
 When out of the hall there arose such a clatter  
 I opened the door to see what was the matter;  
 And what to my wondering eyes should appear  
 But a man in distress and devoid of all cheer;  
 He lay on the floor of the corridor narrow,  
 And out of the small of his back stuck an arrow.  
 It had come from the bow of his own little lad—  
 I knew in a moment it must be poor dad!

I rushed for the phone and had just turned around  
 When mother crashed into the room with a bound.  
 Pursued by a child with a rifle. "Oh, well,"  
 It seems that to please him she played William Tell;  
 The apple was okay but mother was not—  
 There wasn't a shadow of doubt she'd been shot.  
 The kid was still shooting his airgun—how merry!  
 He yelled, "Play some more, ma! It's funny, ma, very!"

Then out of his room tottered old Uncle Lew,  
 His arm in a sling and one leg, I think, too;  
 He'd helped little Oscar try out a new sled,  
 And had quite a gash on the top of his head;  
 He'd also been playing with Ethelbert's skis,  
 And murmured quite weakly, "The ambulance, please!"

Next grandpa came wallowing out of the bath—  
 (I never had seen any man in such wrath!)—  
 He looked all awash; he was all dripping wet,  
 His clothes were all soured; he was angry, you bet;  
 It served him quite right; any man is a dub  
 When he tries to sail children's toy boats in the tub!

I stood there aghast when my aged Aunt Nell  
 Swooped through on Ned's roller skates, going pell-mell;  
 She upset the tree—there were sparks from a wire—  
 I knew in an instant the house was on fire!

Then things all went black, and when next I came to  
 I was out on the lawn with a pulmotor crew;  
 The house was still burning, the kids every one,  
 Were dancing and cheering and having such fun!  
 The fire chief stood and contemplated his work;  
 He snickered a bit, then he turned with a jerk,  
 And laying a finger aside of his nose,  
 And giving a nod, he said, "Roll up the hose!"  
 He jumped in his car, sounded siren and whistle,  
 And away he then flew likethe down from a thistle.  
 And I heard him exclaim to his smoke-eating boys:  
 "Well, adwits will play with the kids' Christmas toys!"

**TRIMMING THE TREE**

The annual tree-trimming event is a unique procedure. Probably no two people, at least in the same family, have the same idea as to how a tree should be trimmed. The first problem is to get a 10-foot tree to stand upright in a room with a nine-foot ceiling. Taking 12 inches off the butt end of the tree will handily solve this impasse (we borrowed that word from a current labor story). Now, dear reader, that's the first step in tree trimming—that is, if you've found the base for the tree. Usually one buys another one. Boring a hole in the floor is not recommended, especially if you're a tenant.

Next in the usual routine is for Mother to clamber up the step-ladder and attempt to place the choicest gilt ornament (we call it the pinnacle piece) on the very tip of the tree. Father, from the easy chair, yells at her to come down off the flimsy ladder. So she reluctantly descends, and our hero ascends. Fathers learn too far forward and he tumbles down—with both hands clutching the tree.

After the tree has toppled onto the floor three times, Mother glances at the carpet and exclaims, "My goodness, look at those needles lying there! This spruce looks like an old hen at moulting time."

Father says, "We'll put a lot of trimmings on it and nobody'll ever know the difference. We'll cover it with an arboreal toupee."

"Now," Mother informs, "the

lights come next. Remember last year you got a short circuit in the string of light bulbs and ruined the tree?"

Father plugs in the pretty-colored lights. There is a loud fush! And streamers of sparks. Then everything is pitch dark.

Mother's voice breaks the silence. "You did the same thing again—blew another fuse!"

**SOME NEW YEAR'S SUPERSTITIONS**

If a clergyman be the first to enter a home on New Year's Day, the significance is good.

It is considered luckier for a dark-haired man than for a fair-haired man to be the first to enter a home. A bachelor is luckier than a married man. A widower brings bad luck.

To lend something to a friend, on New Year's Day, is sure to bring a good return.

To put on new clothes is considered lucky; so also to bathe. Money earned on New Year's Day will bring a hundredfold in its train.

Resolutions made on New Year's Day should be carried out. If they are good, and will insure good luck.

It is good to give alms on the New Year. In many parts, poor folks are invited to partake of the family's cheer.

In a "cold war" it seems the prices are jet-propelled.



**DECKING A span of Bailey Bridge** during the construction of Hydro's new office annex in Toronto. This is said to be the first use of this army type of material in buildings. It was extensively employed by Canadian engineers in the erection of substantial structures for "heavy traffic" river crossings in Holland and Italy.

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Small fry have something extra special to look forward to next Christmas, for toys are going to be more intriguing than ever before. Among those shown at the Toy Guidance Council exhibit in New York was this plastic train, operation of which is remotely controlled by a series of push-buttons. The young "Gulliver" in the photo is watching an electronic crane pick up a load of steel shavings from a Lilliputian freight car in an unloading operation by this remote control.



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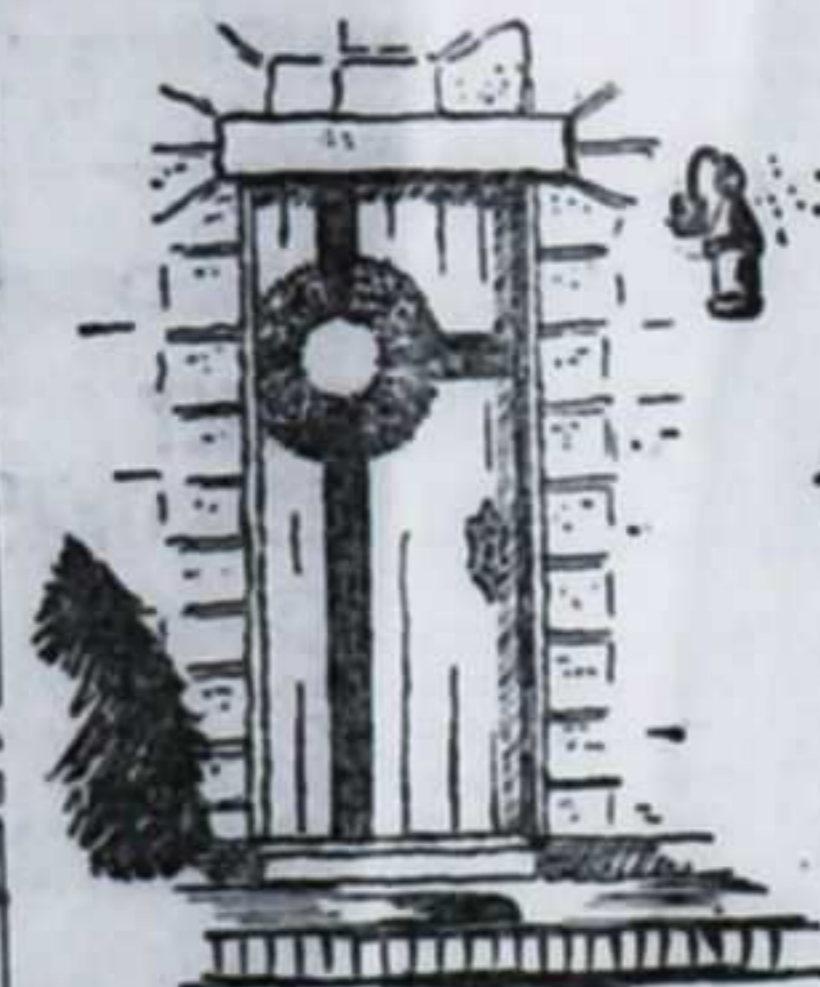
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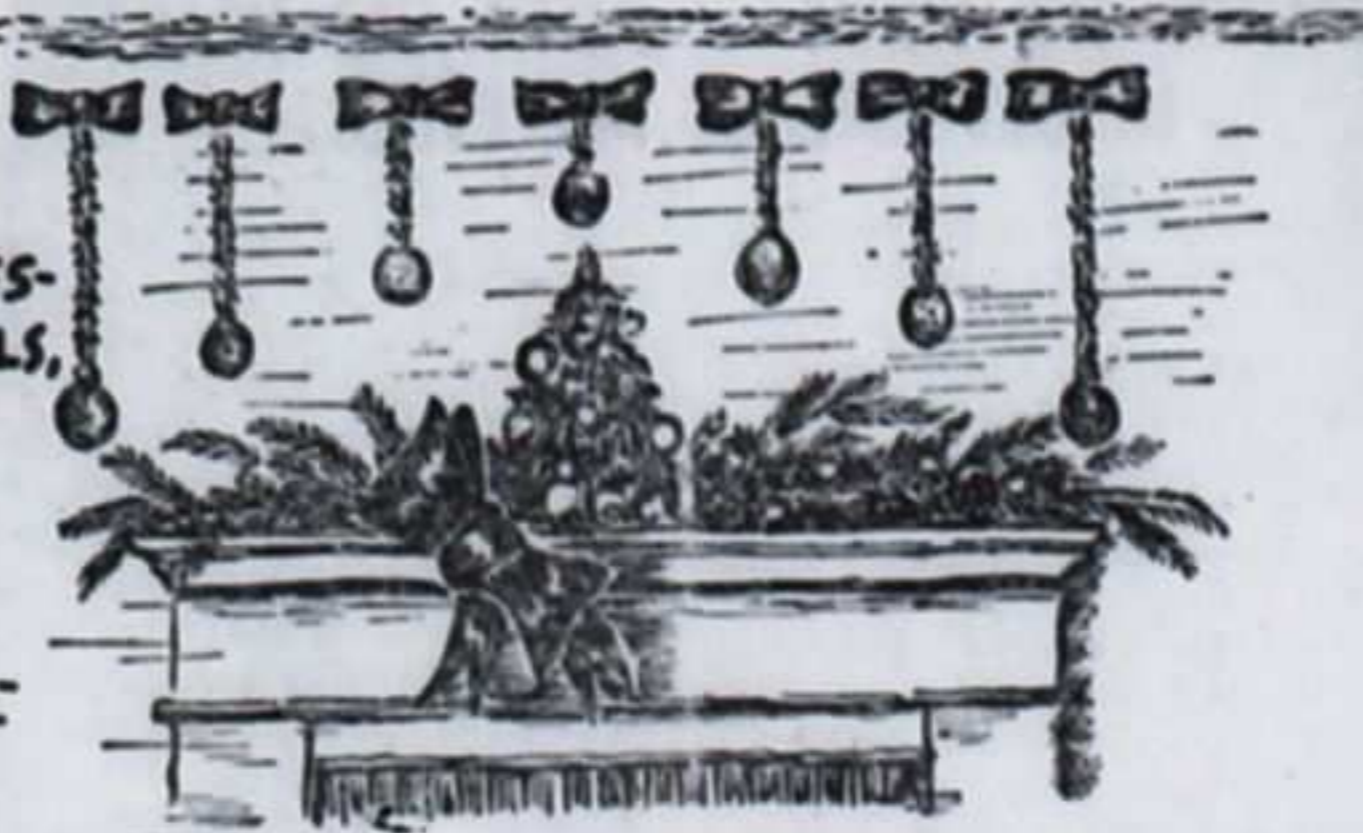
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## THE PRINCE OF WAILS

Why is it that every one refers to a baby as a helpless little thing? Give a baby a home of his own, and he is the least helpless object in it. All he needs to do to have his every want filled is to let out one small peep. If help does not come at once, he need only extend this peep into a wail. And by forcing a bel-low, he can throw the entire household into a bewildered tangle from which it may not emerge for days.

He can't walk, he can't talk, he can't feed or bathe himself, and in that he has an unmixed blessing. Unable to walk, he can lie in bed all day and kick his legs—the envy of every adult who sees him. Unable to talk, he need never answer unnecessary questions, become involved in a political argument, or politely tolerate a bore. When oppressed by the last, he can turn his head the other way, yawn, or blandly go to sleep, and have his actions approved by polite society.

He need never worry over what he is going to wear today or what he will eat for lunch. If he doesn't wear a stitch, he is perfectly content, and no one will raise an eyebrow. If he doesn't like his food, he can spit, blow, or bubble it out, no matter who is watching, or he can disdain to eat at all. He can emit, at the end of a meal, a resounding belch, and be applauded for what two years later will be considered most unseemly.

Soon the world at large will criticize the way his hair grows, although now his admirers are enchanted because it grows at all. It will criticize the way he eats, although now all are ecstatic if he gets it down any way. If he turns out to be beautiful, good, rich or successful, part of the world will envy him, and if he turns out to be ugly, mean, poor or a failure, the other part of the world will berate him, but now, for the last time in his life, he is eulogized by poets, chuckled under the chin by old ladies, cooed at by Scrooges, and adored by all.

Far from being helpless in this world, he is the only human being who can chin on it. It wasn't idle conversation that prompted a pediatrician to muse, "In the next life I'm going to be a perpetual baby."

—Marcie Winn in Chicago Tribune.

Not all high-steppers are in the social world. Some are drum major-ettes.

Why shouldn't hurricane-busting scientists tinker with nature? The scientists have tampered with practically everything else.





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PREVIEW OF CHRISTMAS FOR ILL BOY



The spirit of Santa Claus became a living, vital thing for bright-eyed Donald McEnaney, 8, of Chicago, who is a victim of the dread leukemia. At a party for the boy, Santa brought Donald gifts from warm-hearted Chicagoans. Donald also got a long-distance phone call from his cowboy idol, Gene Autry.

HUNTING THE WREN IN OLD IRELAND

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning: a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped on the drumhead, swooped down and began to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp; the Irish driven off and defeated, blamed the wren. Modern Irish, ashamed of the once-honored tradition, say the guilty bird may have been a starling or a sparrow anyway, and now welcome the wren to their farms and homes.

USED AS GOOD LUCK CHARM  
Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck in Sweden to prevent sickness.

FAITH AND PEACE ARE ETERNAL

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census. The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.



It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew is remembered chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem. True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

FUTURE FORETOLD BY DROWSY HENS

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Czarist Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor: each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money meant wealth; Ring, foretold a wedding within a year; and Hope, promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.



Season's Greetings

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MISTLETOE DISTINCT AS YULE DECORATION

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains.

Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-heal" and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

The power to heal, to protect against sickness, to perform magic deeds—all these and more are the qualities ascribed to this plant in legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature.

Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.



Among the Celts and others mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough  
At our Christmas board  
Shall hang to the honor  
Of Christ our Lord.

"BE THOU WELL" ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."

The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "waes hael," meaning "be thou well."

Wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.

Here is a recipe for wassail today:

1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

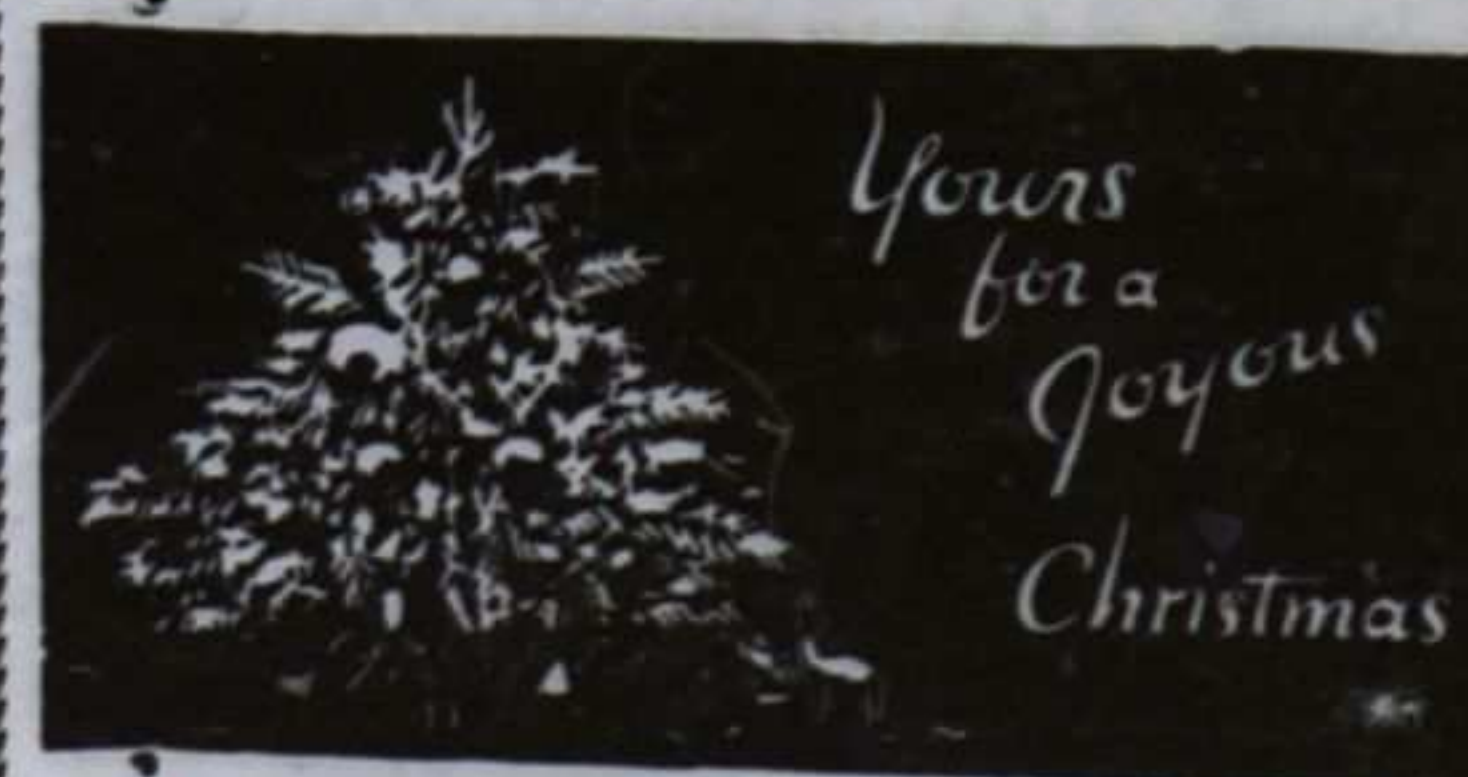


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# CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD



★ The custom of ringing a joyous peal of bells on Christmas morning has been for ages a feature of the Christmas celebration. In many countries, however, the bells ring on Christmas Eve, for according to the old church usage the real beginning of Christmas was at sunset on Christmas Eve. Christmas bells tell us that once, long ago, on a Christmas-day, love came into the world, flooding the earth with beauty and goodness, when the angels sang about a crib in Bethlehem.

The pagan Romans were the first to utilize Christmas greens for decorative purposes. They decorated growing evergreens with tiny masks to insure fertility. The progress from this pagan practice to the modern Christmas tree is hidden in unproven theories. Because of their unchanging freshness, evergreens were considered a symbol of eternity. The circle, without end was an emblem of the same symbol. Mistletoe was held in veneration by the ancient Celts and Teutons.

Burning of the Yule log was a symbol of the return of the sun. The log was dragged ceremoniously to the family hearth, where it was drenched with wine and kindled with a brand saved from the preceding year. When flames crackled forth it portended good luck for the coming year. If the log did not light it was believed to be an omen of ill luck. The "Feast of the Returning Sun" was an ancient pagan festival, observed by many peoples.

★ The giving of gifts was instituted by St. Nicholas, who was first considered an ascetic in Europe, when he appeared as an oldster with white beard, on horseback, carrying gifts for good children, switches for bad ones. Pelnickie, from the demon world would accompany him, clad in a fur coat and carrying a switch. St. Nicholas, or Nicholas, was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, in the fourth century. He is patron saint of Greece, Russia, and the city of Naples.



★ Feasting on Christmas today is pallid compared to what it was in days gone by. Turkey was first introduced in England about 1520 and as a mild substitute for the traditional boar's head garlanded with rosemary and laurel. The exotic roasted peacock was also a favorite at early feasts. Mince pie was eaten in the 16th century as a symbol of the riches brought by the three wise men. It was filled with rich spices and products brought from the mysterious far East.

Christmas boxes for the poor did not originate in America. They date back to the days of the ancient Romans. They held a feast in honor of Saturn. Boxes were made up and distributed. This has become an important part of Christmas in this country and the plan has been developed and enlarged by religious, civic and other organizations in order to bring happiness to hundreds of thousands who would otherwise be overlooked at Christmas. Boxing Day is a legal holiday.



★ There are nearly as many versions of Santa Claus as there are nationalities: Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Babushka, Kris Kringle and many others. But regardless of his name, he is welcomed and beloved by all—children and adults alike. In America Santa Claus is still recognized by the original drawing of Thomas Nash, made to illustrate Dr. Clement Clark Moore's poem, "A Visit to St. Nicholas."

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## A Yuletide Thought

IT IS NEARER—oh, how much nearer! The day when men of good will shall gather together to seek an abiding peace for the world. The Star of Bethlehem shines more brightly this Christmas Season than it did yesteryear. Its portents again look to peace on earth.

But our rejoicing must be tempered with thoughtful realization of days still ahead when many of our people must walk through the valley of the shadow. Let us make the Holiday Season a time to reflect on what must yet be done.

Let us quicken our sympathies, so that we may be ready to aid those who are doing their all to aid their brother man and who may suffer for their sacrifices. Let us be ready to hold out the hand of sincere help to those who may be bereaved.

But, above all, let us once more dedicate ourselves here at home to unstinting and unrelenting service—to the doing of our share, each of us, to speed A World Peace by ardent effort in our toil and by increased support of the true peace effort.

This resolved, we may then say in our hearts...

# Merry Christmas

## MIRACLE PLAY IN MODERN TEXAS TOWN

Los Pastores, the hybrid Spanish-Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pincushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful.



In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.

A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitona, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spoils, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas?"
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White-Christmas?"
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means..." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas?"
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

### ANSWERS

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian Ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec who took the place of half snake, half man in Mexico in 1530.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087.

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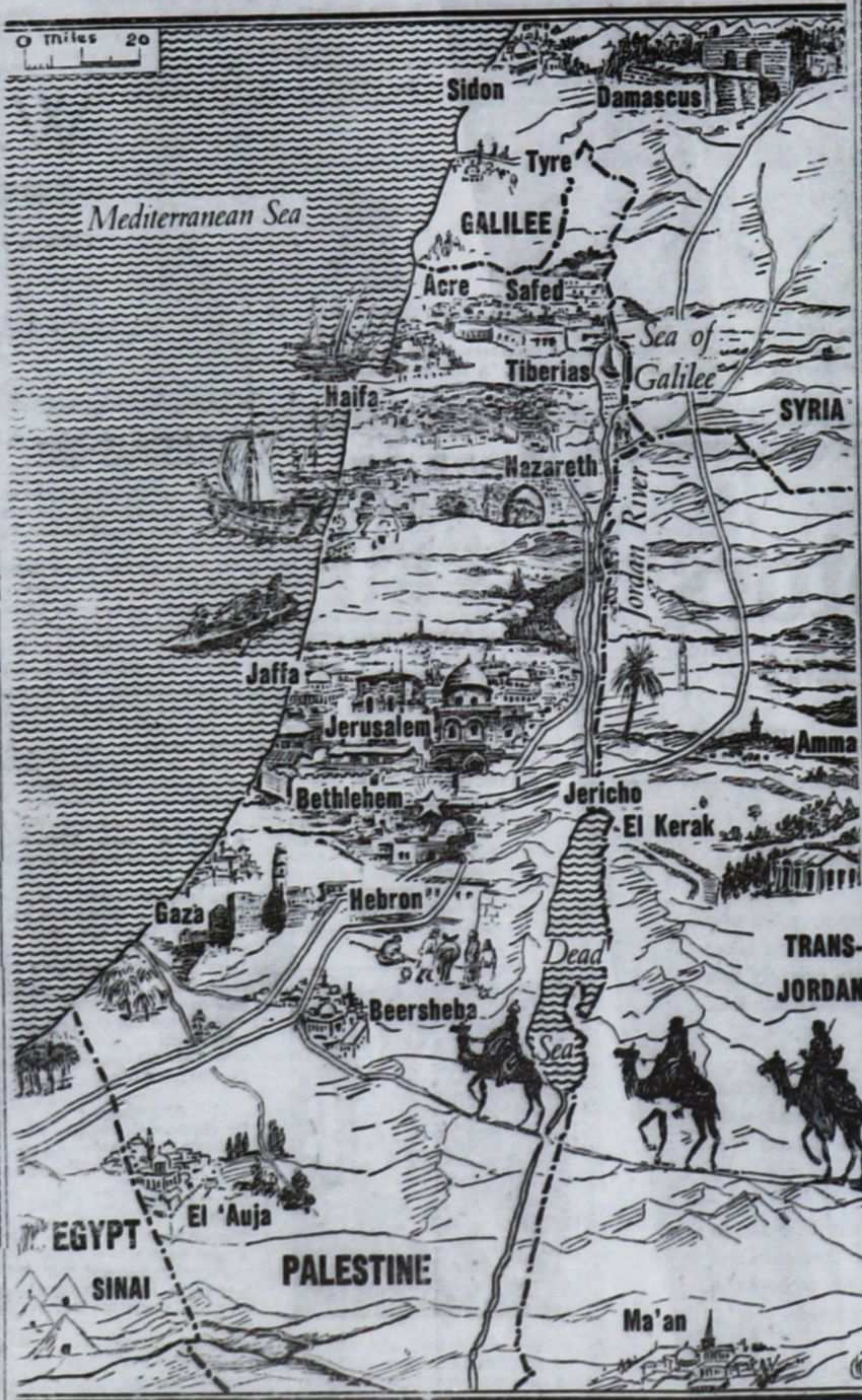


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### LUCKY AND UNLUCKY DAYS AND SEASONS

The belief that some days bring luck and others the opposite, is prevalent the world over and has its origin in astrology. Few intelligent people are free from this superstition.

If a person has had luck on a certain day, three times in succession, it is safe to assume that it is a lucky day and any business undertaken on that day will prove successful. Conversely, if a day has shown itself unfortunate, business or traveling should be avoided on that day.

A day that is good for one person may be correspondingly unlucky for another. What is one

man's food is another man's poison.

To move into a new home on Friday is unlucky. Monday and Wednesday are particularly fortunate.

To be born on the 29th of February, leap year, is considered lucky and the person will be successful as a speculator.

Books on astrology give the following as unlucky days:

January—1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 17, 29.

February—8, 10, 17, 26, 27, 28.

March—16, 17, 20.

April—7, 8, 10, 16, 20, 21.

May—3, 6, 7, 15, 20.

June—4, 8, 10, 22.

July—15, 21.

August—1, 9, 20, 29, 30.

September—3, 4, 6, 7, 21, 23.

October—4, 6, 16, 24.

November—5, 6, 15, 20, 29, 30.

December—6, 7, 9, 15, 22.

Never undertake any important business on a day that has brought you any misfortune or calamity.

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